



Unit 7 Reading Worksheet 1

Name _____

1 Read and match.

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| 1. GPS systems | use indoor plumbing. |
| 2. Toilets | preserve our food. |
| 3. Lightbulbs help us | help us travel to places. |
| 4. Fridges | see in the dark. |



Necessary Inventions

Most of us consider inventions like computers, tablets and smartphones **innovative**. These inventions do fun and interesting things, they use the latest technology and they're constantly changing and **improving**. But not all innovative inventions have got things like touchscreens or GPS systems. Some of the greatest inventions are much less **glamorous**—and more necessary. For example, food is one of our most important **necessities**. Do you have breakfast, lunch or dinner? If you do, you probably use a fridge to

keep your food fresh. Another invention that isn't very glamorous (but keeps us healthy) is indoor plumbing. Indoor plumbing is a system of **pipes** that brings water into and out of a building. We need indoor plumbing to use the toilet, so it's definitely necessary. Lightbulbs are another innovative invention that we use all the time. They aren't always necessary, but they help us a lot. Now we don't need to light candles at night!

2 Read and complete.

1. Computers and tablets are innovative _____.
2. Some inventions are constantly changing and becoming _____.
3. Some of the best inventions are _____ but not exciting.
4. Fridges give us an easy way to _____ our food.
5. Indoor plumbing _____ a very glamorous invention.
6. Indoor plumbing is very _____.
7. One invention that helps us but isn't always necessary is a _____.

Glossary

innovative: new and original

improving: becoming better

glamorous: exciting and stylish

necessities: (sing. necessity) things that are necessary

pipes: plastic or metal tubes that carry water or gas in a house