

- 1** A: What were you doing yesterday at 2pm?
B: I was having lunch in the café near the library.
A: Really? Me too. I didn't see you.
B: No, I know. But I saw you. Who were you having lunch with?
A: My cousin, Bill. We were celebrating his birthday.
B: You were both laughing a lot while you were talking.
A: Yes, he was telling me a very funny joke when the food arrived. The waiter told us we were being too noisy.
B: What did you do after lunch?
A: Well, we wanted to play football, so we decided to go to the park. While we were walking to the park, it started to rain.
B: When will someone invent a machine to control the weather?

- 2** A: Do you know the story about the invention of chewing gum?
B: I know the inventor was an American.
A: That's right. It was in 1869, and the inventor, Thomas Adams, was trying to produce rubber.
B: That's typical. Many inventors invented things accidentally while they were trying to produce something completely different.
A: Adams was just thinking about his problem when he put some of the rubber in his mouth. He liked the taste of it. Two years later, he started selling it.
B: The invention of Velcro is another example. The inventor was walking in the woods when he noticed how burrs stuck to his clothes. He got the idea from the burrs.
A: Wow! Velcro is really useful.
B: Yes, I agree. It was a brilliant idea.

- 3** A: Do you like listening to music?
B: Yes, I love it.
A: How do you usually listen to music?
B: On my MP4 player.
A: Our parents had cassette players when they were our age.
B: Yes, the Walkman was the first portable cassette player. Did your dad have a Walkman when he was a boy?
A: Yes, he used it when he was travelling or going for walks.
B: My mother was listening to music on her Walkman when she met my dad. He asked her what she was listening to and they started talking.
A: Did your parents have vinyl records as well?
B: Yes, my dad collected records. When he was at university he listened to them while he was studying.

- 4** A: What's wrong with your arm?
B: It's broken. I had an accident yesterday.
A: Poor you! Did you fall off your bicycle?
B: Yes, I was cycling along the road and it was snowing when I crashed into a tree.
A: Were you wearing a helmet?
B: Yes, I was.
A: Did someone call an ambulance?
B: Yes, a boy called an ambulance while he was helping me. But when the ambulance came I was standing up.
A: Does your arm hurt?
B: Yes, I have to go back to the hospital next week.