

# Which famous inventions came from the Victorians?

## Objectives

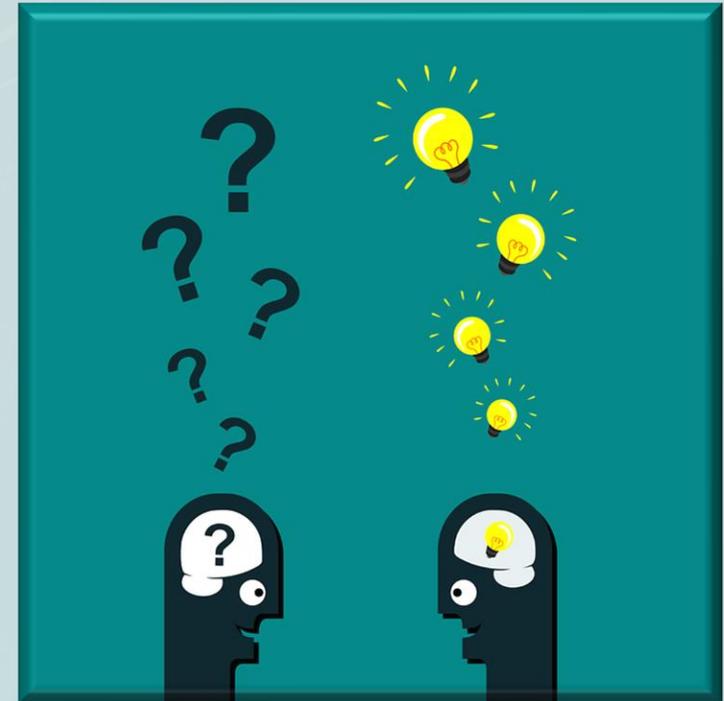
- To find out about some famous Victorian inventions
- To explain how new inventions changed people's lives during the Victorian period



# Problem Solved!

The most famous and useful inventions from history are ones that solved a common problem or made life better for people. For example, when the telephone was invented it solved the problem of people needing to talk to each other from different locations.

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# Age of Invention

During the Victorian period, many famous inventions were created that **made life better** for people.

Have a look at the pictures on your sheet.

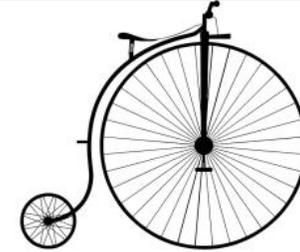
Are you surprised to find out that **all** of these inventions came from the Victorian period??



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telephone



bicycle



Christmas cracker



postage stamp

**Let's look at some more inventions in a bit more detail!**

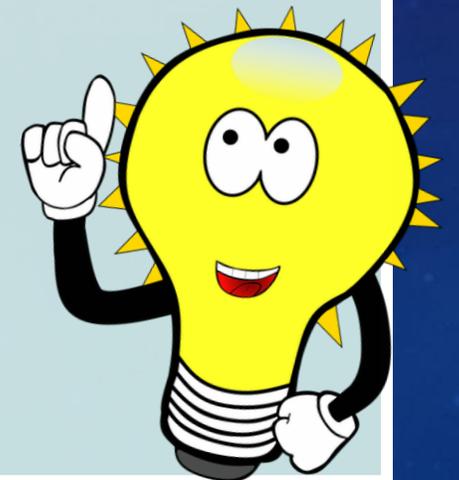
## The Camera

A Victorian called **William Fox Talbot** invented the first camera in 1839.

Using a special type of paper, he worked out how to use a **negative** to develop and print a picture.

This meant that ordinary people were able to have photographs taken by a special photographer with a box camera.

Suddenly, people were now able to capture real life images of the world around them, not just artists' painted versions.



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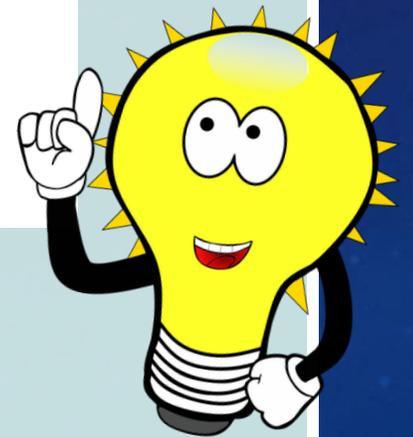


### Flushing Toilet

Holes in the ground and chamber pots in the bedroom were commonly used as toilets before this invention.

In 1865, a particularly hot summer caused such a stink from all of the human waste lying around the city streets that something had to be done.

A proper sewer system was installed and a Victorian plumber called **Thomas Crapper** introduced flushing toilets in people's houses!



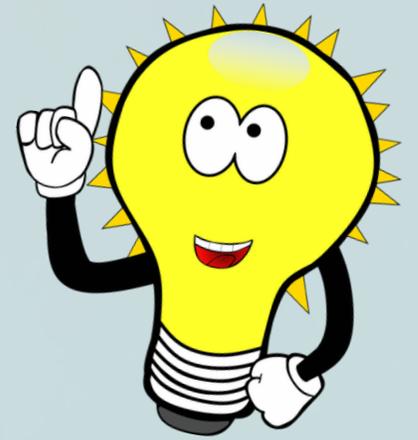
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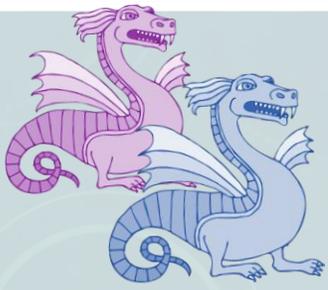
### Motorcar

The first motorcar was built in 1885 by a German engineer called Karl Benz. The car had **three wheels** and an engine.

Soon, cars were seen on the streets of Victorian England but they looked very different to cars today. Each driver had to have a flag-carrying attendant walking **in front of the car** and the speed limit was **four miles per hour!**

The invention of the car meant that that people were able to think differently about travel, and they were now able to make longer journeys without requiring horses.





# Dragons Den

Your task is to choose one of the Victorian inventions you have read about today.

You are going to create an **informational advert** for your invention.



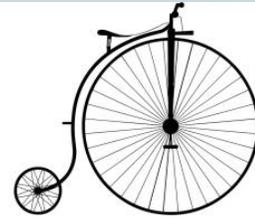
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**Task: Imagine that **nobody** has come across your invention before:**

Create a poster showing what the invention looks like and explaining how it works (make it colourful and clear!)

Extra challenge:

**Explain how your idea works to a grown up. If you want, record this and upload it to Teams!**

# Video – Guess the Victorian Invention

Use this video to play  
'Guess the Victorian  
Invention'.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/hetty-feather-victorian-inventions>

