

Open Forum 2

Web Site Worksheet

Chapter 8

Name: _____

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1. Preparing to Listen

You are going to listen to a conversation between a tutor and a student. Before you listen, think about the following questions.

Have you ever been looking for something when you accidentally found something else that you lost previously?

Do you know of any medical or scientific discoveries that were made by accident?



2. Listening for Main Ideas

Read questions 1 and 2. Listen to the conversation. Then choose the correct answer for each question.

1. Andrea and Jerry have gotten together to _____.
 - a. study for an exam
 - b. watch a movie
 - c. exchange stories about scientific discoveries
2. The main topic of this conversation is _____.
 - a. famous inventors
 - b. accidental discoveries
 - c. the search for new medicines
5. Jerry is interested in these discoveries because _____.
 - a. they were the result of accidents
 - b. he read about them when he was a child
 - c. they will be on his test
6. Vulcanization is the process by which _____.
 - a. rubber is melted
 - b. rubber is made sticky
 - c. rubber is made stronger
7. When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, he was working on a way to _____.
 - a. communicate over long distances
 - b. help deaf people
 - c. treat high blood pressure
8. According to Andrea, modern scientists _____.
 - a. still make discoveries by accident
 - b. no longer make discoveries by accident
 - c. are still researching ways to use rubber
9. Monoxidil was first created _____.
 - a. to treat high blood pressure
 - b. to treat hair loss
 - c. to prevent heart attacks
10. Andrea ends the conversation because _____.
 - a. she is no longer interested in the topic
 - b. she is tired
 - c. Jerry needs to prepare for his exam



3. Listening for More Detail

Read questions 3–10. Listen to the conversation again and choose the correct answer for each question.

3. Penicillin was discovered by _____.
 - a. Charles Goodyear
 - b. Alexander Fleming
 - c. Sir Isaac Newton
4. According to Jerry, a falling apple led to the development of _____.
 - a. penicillin
 - b. many medicines
 - c. the theory of gravity