



# Accidental Inventions

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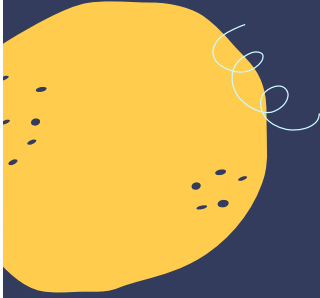
## Did you know?

Thousands of inventions were mistakes! Many every-day objects that we deem “brilliant” were things discovered by mistake. So, keep your eyes open for the possibilities, and take a hint from these amazing inventors. They were able to recognize something that would work in other ways, and create some amazing inventions that have lasted through the test of time.



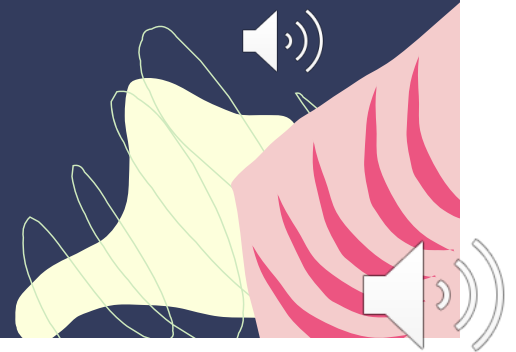
Today we will be looking at a few popular inventions that have been created totally by mistake.





# Potato Chips

Potato chips were accidentally invented in **1853** when an annoying customer kept asking a restaurant to make his French fries thinner and crispier. George Crum, the chef, sliced them wafer thin as a joke, but the guy loved them and the potato chip was born!



# Play Doh (clay)



The sticky toy was originally marketed as a wall cleaner that didn't work so well. Luckily, kids started using the product to make little sculptures in **1955**, and before long, they started marketing this product as a children's toy material and starting making a lot of money!

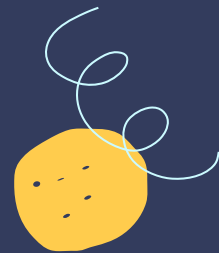




# Fireworks

All those fireworks that you see were discovered by a Chinese cook somewhere around the year **220**. We really do not know what he was trying to invent when he accidentally mixed together some common kitchen items and put them in a bamboo tube. When this concoction was brought near the flames, it exploded into multi-coloured fireworks and the idea for fireworks were born.



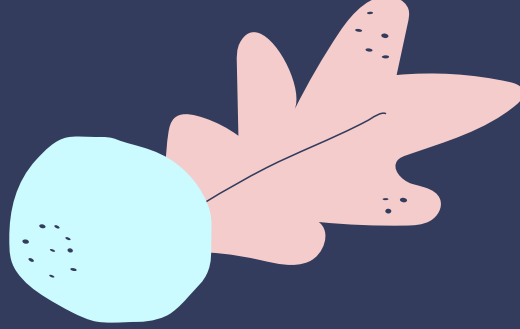


# Popsicles

Believe it or not, the popsicle's creator was none other than an 11-year-old boy named **Frank Epperson**, who simply mixed some soda powder with water and left it out overnight with the stirrer still in entirely by accident in **1905**. When he woke up in the morning, Epperson decided to lick his frozen soda blend, and he found that it actually tasted pretty delicious.



# Bubble wrap



Engineers **Alfred Fielding** and **Marc Chavannes** did invent bubble wrap on purpose—but when they made it, the intended use for the product was all wallpaper, not as packing material.

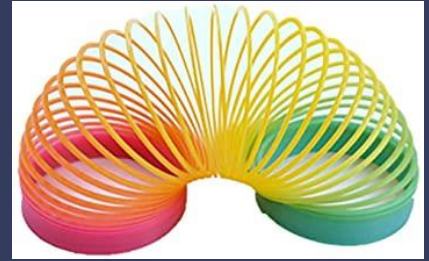
However, when their bubbly wallpaper proved to be unsuccessful, they decided to sell the bubble wrap as protective packaging in **1960**.





# The Slinky

In 1943, during World War II, an engineer in the United States Navy named Richard James was fascinated with how springs could flip-flop. When he went home, James and his wife Betty made a long steel ribbon into a spiral. They began selling the slinky in **1945**. The Slinky was a hit! In its first 60 years Slinky has sold 300 million units.



# Make Your own Timeline of Accidental Inventions

Draw a straight line with  
years

Step 01



Collect all the years and  
information of these  
inventions

Step 02



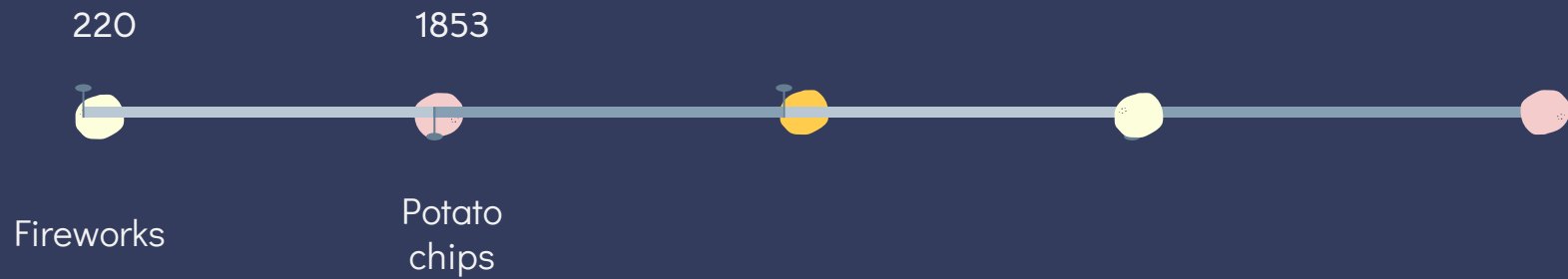
Step 03



Write down the invention  
with the year it was made



For example ...



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# Thanks!



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