

## NEWS REVIEW

# Oops!

Sometimes inventions happen by mistake. Here are three things that were invented by accident.

### X-Ray Machine

Year Invented: 1895

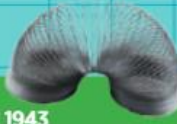
One day in his lab, scientist Wilhelm Röntgen saw a strange glow on a screen. He had discovered X-rays. He found a way to use these waves of energy to take pictures of bones and organs inside the human body.



### Slinky

Year Invented: 1943

Richard James wanted to invent a spring to keep equipment from sliding around on ships. He accidentally dropped the spring—and it “walked” across the floor. The spring became a toy called Slinky.



### Silly Putty

Year Invented: 1943

James Wright was trying to create a new kind of rubber. He accidentally created something that was more stretchy and bouncy. It was later named Silly Putty—and became one of the world’s most popular toys.



- 1 Who invented Silly Putty? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Which of the three inventions was not created in 1943? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What toy came from Richard James’s invention? \_\_\_\_\_

## I'm an Inventor

- 4 What is the main purpose of the article?  
(A) to describe the show *Shark Tank*  
(B) to explain what an investor does  
(C) to give tips on how to be an inventor  
(D) to explain how science fairs work
- 5 What problem did Cassidy Crowley identify for her science fair project?  
(A) Getting on TV is difficult.  
(B) Baby spoons might cause choking.  
(C) It’s hard to find investors.  
(D) Not many factories make baby spoons.
- 6 Which word best describes Cassidy?  
(A) lazy  
(B) afraid  
(C) nervous  
(D) determined
- 7 As a teen, George Nissen invented \_\_\_\_\_