

CLB 5 – January Question

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CLB 5 - Canadian Discoveries and Inventions

Canadians have made various discoveries and inventions. Some of the most famous are listed below.

- Alexander Graham Bell hit on the idea of the telephone at his summer house in Canada.
- Joseph-Armand Bombardier invented the snowmobile, a light-weight winter vehicle.
- Sir Sandford Fleming invented the worldwide system of standard time zones.
- Mathew Evans and Henry Woodward together invented the first electric light bulb and later sold the patent to Thomas Edison who, more famously, commercialized the light bulb.
- Reginald Fessenden contributed to the invention of radio, sending the first wireless voice message in the world.
- Dr. Wilder Penfield was a pioneering brain surgeon at McGill University in Montreal, and was known as “the greatest living Canadian.”
- Dr. John A. Hopps invented the first cardiac pacemaker, used today to save the lives of people with heart disorders.
- SPAR Aerospace / National Research Council invented the Canadarm, a robotic arm used in outer space.
- Mike Lazaridis and Jim Balsillie created Research in Motion (RIM), a wireless communications company known for its most famous invention, the BlackBerry.



Review Question:

Name an important Canadian invention.

- The cell phone
- The automobile
- The Canadarm
- The Internet