Inventions: Teacher Notes



Part of the Science through Stories (SEN) materials are whiteboard 'posters' to stimulate talking and listening on each topic. At key points during each topic, display the poster and use this to introduce and consolidate key vocabulary that you wish the learners to develop. The vocabulary should be at a level that suits their needs. You can also encourage them to use the correct scientific terms at a level suitable to each learner's abilities. We have provided some sample questions that you may wish to talk about in your discussion with your class.

- A wheel is a circular object that is intended to rotate on an axle.
- When the wheel and axle combine, they allow heavy objects to be moved easily.
- However, the first wheels were not for transport, but for pottery. The potter's wheel goes back to 3500 BC.
- The wheel was very important for transportation.
- The wheelbarrow was another very early invention.
- The first wheelchair was invented by John Dawson from Bath.
- Karl Benz from Germany invented the first true automobile (car) in 1885/1886.

