

## What's-it-do?

### EQUIPMENT

Chalkboard or whiteboard or flipchart.  
Paper and pencil for each student.

### BEFORE

Students who have played the **BrainBites** activity "[Invent-a-name](#)" may find this exercise a little easier.

### AFTER

Students could be encouraged to draw a design for the inventions they have suggested - or even make a model.

SEE ALSO "[Inventions](#)" and "[Invent-a-name](#)"

### DESCRIPTION

The teacher introduces the exercise.

Inventions are often given names made up from bits of other words.

EXAMPLE: Tele-phone is made up of **tele** (Greek for **far**) and **phone** (Greek for **sound**)

EXAMPLE = Surf-board is made up of **surf** (to do with **waves**) and **board** (a piece of **wood**)

The teacher writes on the board 3 (made-up) names of "new inventions".

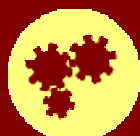
Working in groups of 3 or 4, students have to choose one of the names and, by breaking the name into bits, decide what the invention does.

Students could also discuss how the invention might work and what it might look like.

After a suitable length of time (4 - 5 minutes) the teacher invites suggestions for inventions. All suggestions should be welcomed positively.

A reward could be given for the most sensible suggestion - or for the craziest.

SEE BELOW FOR A LIST OF "INVENTIONS"



LOGICAL



MUSICAL



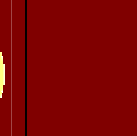
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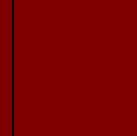
PHYSICAL



LINGUISTIC



INTER-PERS.



NATURALIST



VISUAL

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|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Megaporta     | Miniminder   | Jetangler       | Papermonkey |
| Clippa-cloppa | Colourshaper | Fizzicap        | Cyclovideo  |
| Camelboard    | Kangastep    | Petrofinger     | Denticamera |
| Visi-cutter   | Lockaball    | Hydrovisor      | Slipslopper |
| Videosphere   | Petcorder    | Hovermouse      | Arrowpen    |
| Tinker-bell   | Finger-tuner | Doggicamper     | Teletrainer |
| Wigglebunny   | Cyclowriter  | Shopper-chopper | Trioblaster |
| Cattapillow   | Mini-com     | Oxyputer        | Hairglider  |
| Aquadigger    | Teleposter   | Video-popper    | Digimixer   |