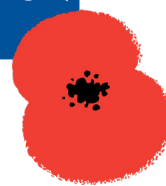


# SERENDIPITY



Bad news for the snack you were saving  
I hope it's a liquid you're craving.  
That magnetron cooks  
Everything by the book  
Now we can all get microwaving!

Don't throw your attempts out the window  
Your wall cleaner works don't you know -  
Not to get spic and span,  
It works better man,  
As a fun, sticky, smelly Play Doh!

I'd like to invest in your plane goo.  
Have a look at what this stuff can do!  
Please share with the group,  
Your bizarre looking gloop,  
You've discovered a Superglue!

That spring is too wobbly and kinky,  
So knock it away with your pinky.  
But do not despair,  
As my friend you have there,  
The world's greatest plaything - the slinky!

Your doggy my friend is a hero!  
Grabbing nature while out on the go,  
As nature got stuck,  
Oh my friend you're in luck,  
A fur problem known as Velcro!

Paul Jenkins



# STARTER ACTIVITY CARDS



**INVENTION:** MICROWAVE OVEN  
**DISCOVERED BY:** PERCY L SPENCER

**HOW DISCOVERED:** Spencer was using a Magnetron in his lab and realized the radiation had melted a chocolate bar he had in his pocket. The Microwave was born!

**INVENTION:** PLAY DOH  
**DISCOVERED BY:** KUTOL PRODUCTS

**HOW DISCOVERED:** Kutol was a cleaning company that was looking for a way to ~~cleaning~~ wallpaper and invented a squishy ball to do so. When children at the company started playing with it they realized they could add colouring to quickly make it a very popular toy!

**INVENTION:** SLINKY TOY  
**DISCOVERED BY:** RICHARD JAMES

**HOW DISCOVERED:** James was a Navy Engineer trying to use springs for sensitive instruments when he accidentally knocked one over. Instead of crashing down to the floor, it gracefully sprang downward and the slinky toy was born!

**INVENTION:** SUPERGLUE  
**DISCOVERED BY:** HARRY COOVER

**HOW DISCOVERED:** Coover was trying to use a substance he created to coat aircraft canopies. Annoyingly it stuck to absolutely everything making it useless for his job – but perfect for fixing everyday items that needed sticking together!

**INVENTION –** VELCRO  
**DISCOVERED BY –** GEORGE DE MESTRAL

**HOW DISCOVERED –** Swiss engineer George De Mestral was out walking his dog when he noticed that the small bits of plants were sticking to his dogs fur (and to his socks!) – he realized that the tiny 'hooks' on the seeds were the reason for it and Velcro was born!



# INVENTIONS CARDS



**TANKS**

**TEABAGS**

**ZIPS**

**VEGETARIAN  
SAUSAGES**

**DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS TIME**

**PILOT  
COMMUNICATIONS**

**BLOOD BANKS**

**SANITARY  
TOWELS**

**TISSUES**

**DOCUMENTARIES**

**STAINLESS STEEL**

**POISON GAS**

