

## Invention: the vacuum cleaner

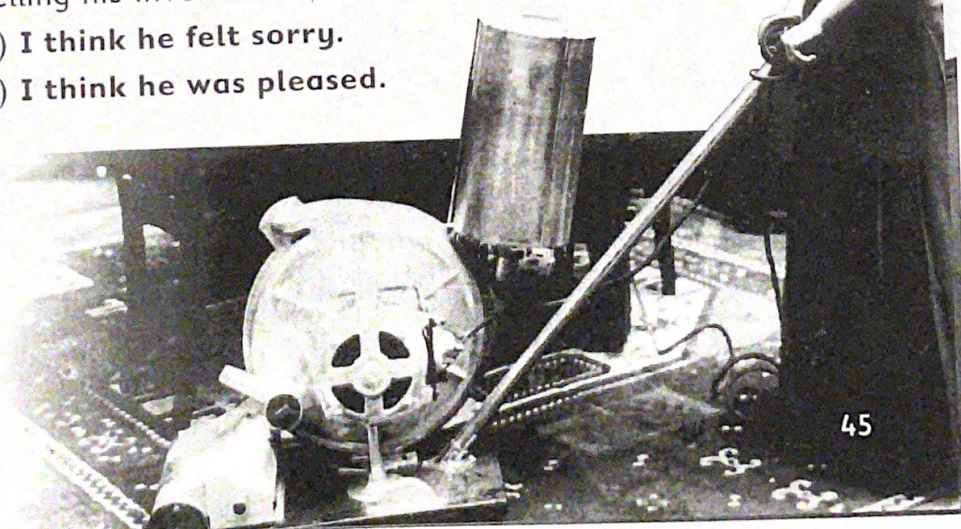


In Britain in 1901, Mr Booth invented a vacuum cleaner. It was so big it was pulled along the streets by horses. A long pipe was put through the windows of the houses to

suck up the dirt. Then, in 1907 in America, Mr Spangler invented a much smaller vacuum cleaner. For his first try, he used a motor from an old fan, a broom for a brush and a pillowcase to collect the dust! Then he improved it. He used a tube with a brush and a dust bag for the dirt that was sucked up. Mr Spangler was very poor, so he sold his invention to Mr Hoover. Mr Hoover made lots of these cleaners, and then nearly everyone could have a vacuum cleaner for their own home. They were called 'Hoovers', and the word 'hoovering' was invented!

Choose the correct answer to each question and write it out.

- 1 Where did Mr Booth live? (3 marks)
  - a) **Mr Booth lived in Britain.**
  - b) **Mr Booth lived in America.**
  
- 2 In which year did Mr Spangler invent his vacuum cleaner? (2 marks)
  - a) **He invented it in 1901.**
  - b) **He invented it in 1907.**
  
- 3 Who bought Mr Spangler's invention? (3 marks)
  - a) **Mr Hoover bought the invention.**
  - b) **Mr Booth bought the invention.**
  
- 4 How does a vacuum cleaner work? (2 marks)
  - a) **It brushes up the dirt and dust.**
  - b) **It sucks up the dirt and dust.**
  
- 5 How do you think Mr Spangler felt about selling his invention? (5 marks)
  - a) **I think he felt sorry.**
  - b) **I think he was pleased.**



# Expanding Sentences

Extend these simple three-word sentences by adding adverbs, adjectives, and further information to make them more interesting. The first one has been done for you.

1. An owl hooted.

An elegant, snow-white owl hooted loudly from high up in the trees.

2. A boy shouted.

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3. The witch laughed.

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4. My uncle sneezed.

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5. The teacher talked.

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6. A dog barked.

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