A Teen Invents a Talking Pill Box

Seviye A2–B1 · Okuma · Yazma

Warm-up

- Which invention can you not live without?
- Have you ever made something useful with your own hands?

Reading

(Haber tarzında yazılmış kurgusal okuma metni)

A fifteen-year-old student has won first prize at a national science fair with a simple but clever invention: a talking pill box.

Zeynep got the idea last winter. She was visiting her grandmother when she noticed that her grandmother often forgot to take her medicine. “She was trying to remember the times, but it was difficult for her,” Zeynep explained.

Zeynep spent four months building the box. It has seven small doors, one for each day of the week. At the right time, a light turns on and a recorded voice says, “It's time for your medicine.” The box cost less than five hundred lira to make.

Zeynep's grandmother uses the box every day. “Now I never forget,” she said with a smile. Zeynep hopes to share the design online so that other families can build their own.

Vocabulary

English	Türkçe	Example
invention	buluş, icat	*The telephone was a great invention.*
science fair	bilim fuarı	*Our class made a robot for the science fair.*
notice	fark etmek	*I noticed that the door was open.*

medicine	ilaç	*Take this medicine after dinner.*
record	kaydetmek	*We recorded a song on my phone.*
clever	akıllıca, zekice	*That's a clever idea!*

Language focus

Kalıp	Örnek
Past Continuous: was/were + V-ing	She was visiting her grandmother.
Past Continuous + when + Past Simple	She was visiting her grandmother when she noticed the problem.
Past Simple (düzensiz)	get → got, spend → spent, forget → forgot

Discussion

1. What problem in your home or school would you like to solve with an invention?
2. Should young inventors share their designs for free?
3. How can technology help older people?

Tasks

Choose the correct answer. *(Doğru seçeneği işaretleyin.)*

1. What did Zeynep invent?

   a) A robot
   b) A talking pill box
   c) A phone app
   d) A smart watch

2. What does Zeynep want to do next?

   a) Sell the box to a big company
   b) Build a robot
   c) Stop working on it
   d) Share the design online

Fill in the blanks. *(Boşlukları doldurun.)*

3. Zeynep _____ (visit) her grandmother when she got the idea.

4. We were watching TV when the phone _____ (ring).

Write True (T) or False (F). *(Doğru mu yanlış mı?)*

5. The box has seven small doors. ( )

6. Zeynep built the box in one week. ( )

Write your answers. *(Cevaplarınızı yazın.)*

7. Write 4–5 sentences about an idea for an invention. When did you get the idea? What were you doing?