

Editing Practice Answers

Level 1

Kids love Lego. They make houses, trains, and cars.

One man started Lego. He was from Denmark. His name was Ole Kirk. In 1932, he started making small things that kids could play with, like cars and houses. In 1934, he called his company Lego. That word means play well.

In 1947, Ole saw some plastic blocks from England. Two years later, he started making them. They did not stay together. Not many people liked them. In 1958, he had an idea for a new kind of block. He made blocks with dots and holes. When kids put the dots into the holes, the blocks stayed together.

Level 2

A computer mouse is a small box. Its purpose is to move a line on a screen and help users do work and play games. Where did the mouse come from?

The story of the mouse begins in 1967. The first mouse looked like a large block of wood with a red button on top. In 1973, a company called Xerox improved the mouse. It was small, light and easy to use. Six years later, Steve Jobs visited Xerox. He saw a special computer with advanced technology and software. This machine used a mouse to touch small images on the screen. The images opened files and programs.

Level 3

Here's a story about money, power and love. This is the story of coffee.

Nobody knows when coffee was first made. We do know that the coffee business started in the Middle East in the 1300s. By the 1600s, coffee was popular in Europe.

Some people in Europe wanted their own coffee trees. That was a problem. Coffee trees only grew in the Middle East. The people who controlled these trees didn't want to sell them. In the late 1600s, a Dutch company took some coffee seeds and planted them on some warm islands in Indonesia. Today, that country is the world's fourth largest coffee grower.

Level 4

If you buy ketchup, you probably know the bottle is upside down. The lid, that's the part you open to get ketchup on your food, is on the bottom. It may look simple, but that lid led to some highly successful innovations in consumer products.

The story of the lid begins with a man who saw a problem and found an answer. In the 1990s, ketchup companies were experiencing a problem. People were buying less ketchup. Why? Because of the bottle.

Ketchup used to be sold in long, thin, glass bottles. Getting ketchup out of the bottle was hard. It moved slowly. Sometimes people hit the bottom of the bottle to get the ketchup out.

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