

# Oops! It Works!

Sometimes the smartest discoveries happen by accident. Match the discovery to the accident.

- 1 During the 1904 World's Fair, a food vendor ran out of dishes. The vendor next to him wasn't selling much of his food, so he made a new kind of dish out of his food.
- 2 In 1940, marine engineer Richard James accidentally bumped a piece of wire off his desk. To his surprise it kept moving away from him.
- 3 Biologist Alexander Fleming accidentally left his experiment out by accident in 1928. Only later did he discover that the mold that formed prevented bacteria from growing.
- 4 In 1970, Spencer Silver was trying to make a powerful glue. Sadly, his glue would barely stick to anything and was easily removed. It was only later that his friend, Arthur Fry, discovered what to do with it.
- 5 Dr. Percy Lebaron Spencer was standing beside his magnetron in 1945 when he noticed that his chocolate bar was melting in his pocket!
- 6 In 1853, a picky customer in Saratoga, New York complained that the fried potatoes in George Crum's restaurant were too thick and soggy. So Crum decided to make the thinnest, driest fries ever!

## A. PENICILLIN

Today, Fleming's discovery helps doctors prevent bacterial infections in patients!



## B. MICROWAVE

The first one was the size of a refrigerator!



## C. SLINKY®

That piece of wire was a spring. It was James' wife who came up with the name.



## D. POTATO CHIPS

At first, the customer complained that he couldn't eat the chips with his fork, but when people discovered you could eat them with your fingers, everyone wanted some!



## E. ICE CREAM CONE

The first ones were made from a wafer-thin Persian waffle called Zalabia.



## F. POST-IT®NOTES

They were first used as bookmarks that wouldn't fall out.



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