Listen to the radio programme and do the exercise to practise and improve your listening skills.

Preparation
Do this exercise before you listen. Write the inventions in the correct group. If you don’t know, have a guess!

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1. Check your understanding: true or false
Do this exercise while you listen. Circle True or False for these sentences.

1. Wingsuits allow people to fly or glide. True False
2. Wingsuits are getting cheaper. True False
3. Gabriele Diamanti’s water distiller is powered by the sun. True False
4. The ‘enable talk gloves’ help people to use sign language in really cold conditions. True False
5. James Cameron invented a new underwater camera. True False
6. MIT students have invented a new type of ketchup. True False
7. The last invention is a way of producing clouds indoors. True False
8. The science correspondent thinks the clouds are ugly. True False
2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Do this exercise while you listen. Write the word to fill the gaps.

1. Wingsuits are not very ______________, but the modern ones are better than ever.
2. Last October was the first ever wingsuit world ______________ in China.
3. You can buy a wingsuit for 600 to ______________ dollars.
4. The water distiller is for places where it’s hard to get clean ______________ water.
5. To produce the water distiller properly, they still need help with ______________.
6. The ‘enable talk gloves’ were invented by some Ukrainian ______________.
   The gloves use sensors to turn sign language into ______________ and then into spoken ______________.
7. James Cameron was part of a team which designed a submarine capable of descending to ______________ kilomètres down.
8. James Cameron was the first person to do a solo ______________ so deep under the sea.
9. MIT students have invented a product that helps people get the contents out of ______________.
10. A Dutch ______________ has found a way of creating clouds indoors.
11. You can’t make clouds for yourself at ______________ yet.

Discussion

Which of these new inventions would you most like to try out?