LOOKING AT A PATENT

United States Patent 5,552,585
Fleck et al.

[SOMETHING DRAWN]

SOME QUESTIONS:
1. What’s the patent number?

2. What date was it granted?

3. What’s the name of it? (Look next to (54)).

4. Who are the inventors?

5. What’s it for?

This invention is now a product called Makin’ Bacon. It was invented by Abigail Fleck when she was 9. Her dad, Jonathan, thought it was a great idea so they created a business to sell it. Check it out at www.makinbacon.com.

1. FIND PATENT NUMBERS ON THINGS AROUND THE HOUSE OR AT SCHOOL

Many familiar items are patented and the patent numbers are usually imprinted on the back or bottom of an item or package in very small print. Find patent number on a toy or electronic device or any number other products.

What is the item? Patent Number

1. ______________________________________________________________________________________

2. ______________________________________________________________________________________

3. ______________________________________________________________________________________

2. DO A REALLY EASY PATENT SEARCH - HONEST! on


2. Type Google Patents in the search box. Click Search.

3. Click on: Google Patents. How do you like the drawings of the patents? Each time you open Google Patents, new patent drawings will appear. You can click on any of the drawings to see more.

4. Type anything in search box. For example, bicycle, skateboard, toys, backpack. Press enter.

5. A list appears. Each one on the list is a patent, an invention. Look at the list and click on names of patents that interest you.

6. When the patent appears, Click on the word Drawings or on the drawing so you can see what it is.

3. SEARCH FOR FAMOUS INVENTIONS BY PATENT NUMBER

   • A. Enter #821,393 in the Google Patent Search box. Click Search Patents.
   • B. Click on DRAWINGS to see what the invention looks like.
     1. What is the name of the invention? ________________________________
     2. Who is the inventor? ________________________________

   • A. Enter #200521 in the Google Patent Search box. Click Search Patents.
   • B. Click on DRAWINGS to see what the invention looks like.
     3. What is the name of the invention? ________________________________
     4. Who is the inventor? ________________________________

4. SEARCH FOR INVENTIONS BY FAMOUS PEOPLE!

   A. Go to Google-www.google.com. In the search box, type in these words:
      Abraham Lincoln, patent. Click Search Patents.
   B. Click on one or several of the sites listed. Read and Look for the number of Lincoln’s patent. You may have to check a few sites and look carefully to find it.
   C. Go to Google Patents. Type the number of Lincoln’s patent in the search box. Click Search Patents.

   D. WRITE YOUR RESULTS.
   1. What is the number of Abraham Lincoln’s patent? _______________________________________
   2. What is the name of Lincoln’s patent? ________________________________________________
   3. What was the purpose of his invention? ______________________________________________

   E. REPEAT THE ABOVE STEPS TO LOOK UP: Michael Jackson, patent. YOUR RESULTS?
   1. What is the number of Michael Jackson’s patent? _______________________________________
   2. What is the name of Michael’s patent? ______________________________________________
   3. What was the purpose of his invention? ______________________________________________
   4. Draw the SHOE that makes it possible:

5. SEARCH FOR INVENTORS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND INVITE THEM TO YOUR SCHOOL!

   A. Go to Google Patents.
   B. In the search box, type the words: Inventors, then your zip code or city or state.
   C. list will appear. Look at the list and click on patents that sound interesting to you.
   D. On the top right of the Google page, look for Sort by relevance | Sort by date (new first) | Sort by date (old first)

Click on | Sort by date (new first) to find inventors who might still live in your city or town. Look for the address of the inventor. Send them a letter and invite them to visit your school.