

EXERCISE 1

Number the following sentences in the correct order.

4	Queen Victoria officially opened the Thames Tunnel in 1843.
2	The tunnel flooded five times during construction.
1	Marc Brunel designed the underwater tunnel to transport cargo from one side of the congested river Thames to the other.
3	Brunel transformed the doomed project into the world's first underground shopping arcade.
5	One million people visited the tunnel after it opened.
9	London Underground now owns the tunnel.
6	There was a "Fancy Fair" or amusement arcade in the tunnel in 1852.
10	The current plan for the tunnel is to re-stage the opening fairs to attract tourists to London.
7	Twenty years later, the tunnel was used to run a railway.
8	Later, the railway line fell into disuse.



EXERCISE 2

What is the main idea behind "reinventing the tunnel"?

- a) Change is always for the better.
- b) If something doesn't work, try something different until it does.
- c) Nothing stays the same forever.

Learning Activities

- If you were an engineer, what great invention would you come up with?
- Identify the inventors of these things:

1. Magnifying Glass



Roger Bacon (1214-1292), England

2. Telephone



Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922),
Canada, Scotland, and U.S.

3. Sewing Machine



Elias Howe (1819-1867), US

4. Rubber Band



Stephen Perry (1845 – year of
invention), England

5. Ballpoint Pen



Laszlo Biro (1899-1985), Hungary

6. Zipper



Whitcomb Judson (1836-1909), US