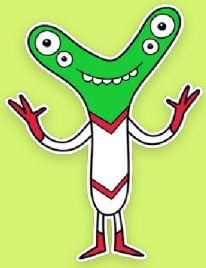
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# Mistakes That Made Something Great

Match six real inventions, from Play-Doh to penicillin, to the mistake or surprise that led to them.

**Name:** _____ **Date:** _____



**Draw a line from each invention to the mistake or surprise behind it.**

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| penicillin | A spring fell off a shelf and kept "walking". |
| sticky notes | It started as a putty for cleaning wallpaper. |
| the Popsicle | A candy bar melted in an engineer's pocket near a radar machine. |
| the Slinky | Mold grew on a dish of germs that was left out, and the germs near it died. |
| the microwave oven | A boy left a cup of soda with a stick in it outside on a cold night. |

**A mistake I made that taught me something:**

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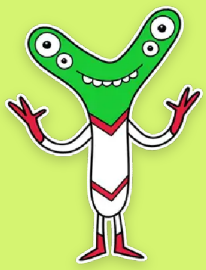


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# Answer Key: Mistakes That Made Something Great

Answers for grown-ups. Many questions have more than one good answer, so the key shows one example.



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