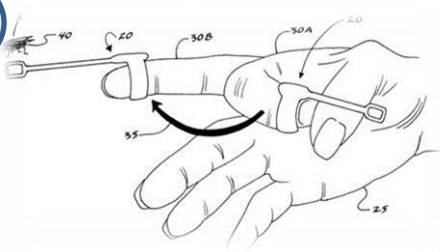


Strange Inventions

Match the given images with the corresponding descriptions and discuss with your partner a) what you think of these inventions, b) which of these inventions you could (not) imagine using and why, and c) what role inventions and technology play in your life in general. Look up the bold printed words in a dictionary if you don't know them.



Do you chew your pen or your pencil? No more need to feel guilty! Just get these Din-Ink pen lids which are made from non-toxic food approved materials and start chewing. Not to mention that you will have your own set of **flatware** everywhere you go.

Anti-theft lunch bags may seem ridiculous, but they could keep your lunch away from prying hands. These \$4 bags disguise your sandwich or snack with tinted green patches in the plastic that make it look like mold is growing on both sides. While most seem to be happy with their new sandwich bags, a reviewer points out that the only con would be if someone were cleaning out the fridge and threw away your sandwich or snack without looking closely.

Even with an umbrella over your head on an especially rainy and windy day, you often end up getting **drenched**. In Japan, a full body umbrella guarantees a waterproof experience during a **downpour**. The practical invention has extra material to fill gaps and keep rain out. Held by a handle in the center, the umbrellas surround the person to keep him or her dry. But how on earth does this full body umbrella open and close...?

For the incredibly **paranoid**, this life expectancy watch is supposed to predict the moment that you will die. The watch supposedly takes into account the wearer's **marital status**, family history, exercise habits, diet, and other factors to come up with a time of death.

This **teensy stealth fly swatter affixes** to your forefinger so you can **flick** any pests **away**. The patent for this device accuses traditional fly swatters of being **cumbersome** and unsanitary, but we are confused about how we are supposed to be able to hit a tiny fly with a tiny swatter.

Apparently, a peel just isn't protective enough for some banana lovers. This individual banana holder promises to **ward off** browning, smelliness, and bruising. The Banana Protective Device just **comes off** as incredibly paranoid, though.

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