

## Find a Problem

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Your first step is finding a problem to solve. This can seem difficult if you try to come up with ideas on the spot, but if you observe the world around you, talk to people, and pay attention to the challenges of everyday life, you are certain to find inspiration for your invention.

**Make a list of problems or challenges that you can solve with an invention.**

**Come up with as many ideas as you can. Even “bad ideas” can inspire something great!**

Problems/challenges in your home, school, church, community, or the environment

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Problems that your family, friends, neighbors, teachers, or pets have

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Things people complain about or struggle with

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Things that are difficult or inconvenient

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Problems in the news (newspaper, magazine, online)

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**Brainstorm with your team. Discuss everyone’s ideas and consider new ideas as they come up.**

