

# LESSON PLAN GUIDE

PictureBook English Reading Series

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<b>Category</b>	Grammar	<b>Title</b>	B29 – We Create New Things
<b>Ages</b>	4-8	<b>Theme</b>	Adverbs of Manner + 30 Life-Changing Inventions

## INTRODUCTION OF THE BOOK

In this book, children explore 30 life-changing inventions — from the ancient wheel to modern technology — while continuing to master adverbs of manner from Book 28. By combining history with grammar, children learn to describe how these tools help us every day, using the sentence structure: Invention + Verb + Adverb.

Whether it is moving heavy objects easily or sharing ideas widely, children discover how adverbs are essential for explaining the remarkable ways human ingenuity makes our lives better. This book builds both language skills and a genuine appreciation for the creativity and curiosity that drives human progress.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*Children will be able to:*

- Name and describe 30 important inventions in English
- Use the sentence structure Invention + Verb + Adverb to describe how things work
- Form and use adverbs of manner with -ly in context — easily, quickly, widely, clearly, and more
- Identify the verb and adverb in a sentence and explain how they work together
- Connect inventions to their own daily life and describe how they use them

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES

### 1. Play the Invention Guessing Game

Before reading, pick an object in the room — a lightbulb, a clock, a telephone — and ask your child: 'How does this help us?' Encourage them to answer using an adverb: 'It helps us see clearly' or 'It helps us wake up easily.' This connects the book's history lessons to tools children use every day, making the vocabulary feel immediately relevant and personal.

### 2. Focus on the benefit sentence structure

As you read through each invention, highlight the core sentence structure: Invention + Verb + Adverb. For example: 'The plane flies quickly' or 'The telephone connects us easily.' Ask your child: 'What is the action word?' and 'How is it happening?' This helps children see how different parts of a sentence work together to tell a complete story — and builds awareness of grammar in a natural, meaningful way.

### 3. Explore modern inventions together

Talk about an invention that was not around when you were a child — a smartphone, a tablet, or a streaming service. Ask your child to describe how we use it with an adverb: 'We can talk to

Grandma instantly' or 'We can find information quickly.' This helps children understand that inventions are still changing our lives today, and encourages them to think of themselves as potential inventors too.

### **FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES**

Ask your child to choose their favourite invention from the book and write or say three sentences about it using adverbs — for example: 'The wheel moves things easily. It changed the world greatly. People still use it daily.' Then ask: 'If you could invent something new, what would it be and how would it help people?' Encourage them to describe their invention using at least two adverbs. The most imaginative inventions make wonderful illustrations too!

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### **TEACHER'S NOTES AND TIPS**

This book does a wonderful job of giving adverbs of manner a real purpose — children are not just practising grammar, they are explaining how the world works. The Invention + Verb + Adverb structure is a simple but powerful sentence-building framework that children can apply far beyond this book. For classroom settings, the 'design your own invention' extension activity works brilliantly as a group project — each group invents something, names it, and presents it to the class using at least three adverbs to describe how it works.