

UPPER-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 5

1 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Have you ever had any ideas for inventions?
- 2 What inventions would you like to see? Think about these areas.
 - transport
 - cooking
 - health
 - education
 - entertainment

2A Read the introduction below and try to guess the missing words.

B Watch the first part of the DVD to check.

GENIUS



Hello, and I _____ to *Genius*: a show all about _____ and your ideas. If you think you _____ be a genius, we can give you the chance to _____ it: all you have to do is _____ us with your cleverest _____ . We invite the people with the most _____ to join us and it's here that we _____ out once and for all who really is a genius.

3A Number the events in the order they happen.

- a) Stewart tries out the idea.
- b) They show a picture of the idea.
- c) Dan explains his idea.
- d) Stewart decides it's 'Genius'.
- e) Stewart and Dave ask Dan questions about his idea.
- f) Laurie plays a piece of music.
- g) Laurie requests a style of music.
- h) Some people bring out the invention.

B Watch the DVD again to check.

4A Complete the extracts with the words/phrases in the box.

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- 1 And it's here that we work out _____ who really is a genius.
- 2 Imagine _____ a piano keyboard _____ to a choir ...
- 3 ... so that each key caused a different _____ to sing that note.
- 4 Not unless you happen to live with a choir _____.
- 5 We've got the white keys and the black keys that _____ with the white keys and the black keys on this piano.
- 6 I think it's only begun to _____ its potential.

B Match the words/phrases in the box in Exercise 4A with their meanings.

- 1 a type of _____
- 2 achieve _____
- 3 definitely _____
- 4 a person who sings in a choir _____
- 5 connecting _____
- 6 match exactly _____

5A EITHER choose an invention you know OR choose one of the inventions below and find out as much as you can about it. Use questions 1–3 to help you.

- baby stroller and scooter
- flask tie
- pingpong door
- baby mop

- 1 What does it do/What are its main uses?
- 2 Is it cheap or expensive?
- 3 Can you find a photo of it to show to other students? Would you recommend it?

B Work in groups. Ask and answer questions about the invention you chose. Which invention do you like best?

A: *I chose the baby mop.*

B: *What is it?*

A: *It's an outfit that a baby wears. It has cleaning cloths attached. When the baby crawls across the floor, he or she cleans it at the same time.*