

**Test Strategy****Author and Me**

Think about what the author tells you. Think about what you know.

Helping Drivers See



Mary Anderson was an inventor. She lived about 100 years ago. Back then, when it rained or snowed, drivers had to get out of their cars to clean their windows.



Mary had a great idea. She invented a new way to clean car windows. It was a rubber blade that swung back and forth across the window. The blade scraped off water and snow.

This blade was the first windshield wiper. It worked like the wipers on cars do today. But it did not move by itself. Drivers made it move by turning a handle inside the car.

Directions: Answer the questions.

1. What is this story MAINLY about?



2. Why did Mary invent the windshield wiper?

- to help new drivers
- to help wash cars
- to help drivers see when it rained or snowed

Tip

Think about
what you know.

3. How do wipers work today?

- The driver gets out of the car to use them.
- The wipers move by themselves.
- Drivers turn a handle inside the car.



Write About an Invention

Alma thought of an invention that could carry her backpack. She wrote about how to make it.



How to Make a Backpack Cart

1. Get a skateboard and a box.
2. Tie the box to the skateboard.
3. Put your backpack in the box.
4. Tie a rope to the skateboard.
5. Now pull it.

Your Writing Prompt

Think of something you would like to invent. Draw a picture of your invention. Write directions that tell how to make it. Write down each step to take.

Writer's Checklist

- Are my steps easy to follow?
- Did I include details?
- Did I check my writing for mistakes?