

Science Improves Our Quality of Life

Advances in science have led to devices that make our lives easier and more pleasant. For example, the microwave oven makes it possible to prepare meals and snacks in minutes rather than hours.

1. Name five household devices that make your life easier or more pleasant.
2. Go through your list and describe how each device's function was accomplished before its invention.

ANSWERS

1. Student answers will vary. Sample answers include an electric hair dryer, electric curling iron, electric razor, electric steam iron, compact disc player, home computer, or television.

2. Student answers will vary. Before the invention of the hair dryer, hair was air dried. Before the invention of the electric curling iron, wet hair was rolled onto brush or plastic rollers. Before the electric steam iron, metal irons were heated on the surface of wood cooking stoves.