

Four Failed Inventions that Changed the World – BBC My Ideas

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1. What did you think of the video?
2. How well did you understand it?
3. What did you learn from the video?
4. One of the images the video starts off with is a chocolate teapot? If people refer to a 'chocolate teapot', what do they mean?
5. If something is a non-starter, what does it mean?
6. Why isn't just having a brilliant idea enough?
7. Had you heard of Douglas Englebart? What about the rest of the inventors?
8. When describing how people interact with a keyboard, they use the adjectives 'chunky' and 'clunky'? What do these descriptive words mean?
9. They refer to Englebart 'showcasing' his mouse invention? If you showcase something what are you doing?
10. If you have a 'smash hit' what you have you got? How else can this term be used?
11. If you 'streamline' something what do you do to it?
12. If you are 'ahead of your time', what are you?
13. What products now contain Kevlar?
14. Why wasn't the chemist successful?
15. If you 'pitch an idea', what are you doing?
16. Do you think the virtual reality industry will be worth \$170bn in just 2 years? Why or why not?
17. What does "suffice to say" mean?
18. Henry Ford said, "failure is simply the opportunity to begin again," what do you think of this?
19. Final thoughts.