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Tejali

नमस्कार मित्रांनो... Hello and welcome to English Together. या भागात आपण चर्चा करतो निरनिराळे विषय आणि त्यासंबंधित शब्दांबद्दल. मी तेजाली आणि माझ्याबरोबर आहे...

Tom

Hi, I'm Tom.

Phil

And I'm Phil. Welcome!

Tejali

आज आपण बोलणार आहोत 'the inventions that made the modern economy' म्हणजे असे शोध ज्यामुळे आधुनिक अर्थव्यवस्था आकारास आली. चला त्याबद्दलची ही गोष्ट ऐकू. यात सहा वेगवेगळ्या गोष्टींबद्दल सांगितलंय.

News

You may have heard the podcast or BBC World Service programme '50 things that made the modern economy'. It's presented by the Financial Times journalist Tim Harford and has been a huge success. Now he is looking for the 51st thing. People have sent in hundreds of suggestions, and he's picked his 6 favourites and they are: the credit card, glass, the global positioning system - GPS, irrigation, the pencil and the spreadsheet.

Tejali

ऐकलंत का हे? तर हा आहे आजचा प्रश्न:- इंटरनेटचा वापर कशामुळे शक्य होतो? बघा, आपल्याकडे आहे 'credit cards' (क्रेडीट कार्ड), 'glass' म्हणजे काच, 'the global positioning system' (GPS) स्थानदर्शक यंत्रणा, 'irrigation' म्हणजे सिंचन, 'pencil' (पेन्सिल), आणि 'spreadsheet' (स्प्रेडशिट्स). Ok, back to the story, which invention do you think is most important?

Phil

For me, it's got to be the ones that I use every day. So my top two are: the credit card, and the GPS. I just think that they are the most practical.

Tejali

You said that they are 'practical', म्हणजे त्यांचा रोजच्या आयुष्यात वापर करता येतो.

Phil

Yeah, they're very practical. I use my credit card instead of cash and the GPS on my phone instead of a map, so they're very convenient.

Tejali

Yes, I think so, खूप सोयीचं, 'convenient' पडतं ते. Personally, I think the spreadsheet is most convenient. Don't you think convenience is important Tom?

Tom

Well, I mean it is... Do you know what? My two choices are completely different than yours? I just think that glass, and irrigation have had a much bigger impact.

Phil

Really? Glass? I mean, I like looking through windows as much as anyone else, but it hasn't exactly changed the modern world, has it?

Tom

Well, you say that, but actually – glass is so important for everything that we have today – I mean, microscopes for example...

Phil

Yeah, when's the last time *you* used a microscope?

Tom

Well, think about how many incredible things that scientists have found using microscopes... And, what about those cables that carry information, you know the fibre-optic cables?

Tejali

Ah, did you hear that? आपल्या प्रश्नाचं उत्तर मिळालं. इंटरनेटच्या लहरी वाहून नेणाऱ्या fibre-optic cables काचतंतूपासून बनतात. म्हणजे आपण म्हणू शकतो की काचेमुळे इंटरनेट वापरणं शक्य होतं. Anyway Tom, you are saying that you think that glass is a really important invention?

Tom

I think it's fundamental.

Tejali

Yes, it's 'fundamental' अतिशय मूलभूत शोध आहे हा.

Tom

Exactly, so glass is absolutely fundamental because it means that we can have microscopes, fibre-optic cables, and the internet.

Phil

Ok, ok, maybe you've got a point there – but then the next one you suggested was irrigation. Isn't that just taking water from one place to another?

Tom

Oh Phil! I mean irrigation is another important invention on that list. In fact it's not just important, it's life-changing.

Tejali

We use 'life-changing' to talk about inventions that do that – they change people's lives. म्हणजे ज्यामुळे आपलं आयुष्य बदललं आहे.

Tom

Yeah, it's life-changing because it means people can grow food where they couldn't before – and they can live in a different place – it literally change people's lives!

Phil

I don't know, I sort of see what you mean, but your choices just don't seem that important to *me*.

Tom

Phil, you do realise that we're talking about the inventions that are significant for the modern economy, and not just the ones that make *your* life more convenient?

Phil

Look, I just think convenience is important ...

Tom

But, don't you think you need to think about other people and what's important for them as well as what's important for *you*?

Phil

Well, I'm part of the modern economy as well, aren't I?

Tejali

बरोबर. मग, तुम्हाला काय वाटतं? कुठला शोध सर्वात महत्त्वाचा आहे? आजचा भाग संपवण्याआधी आजचे शब्द. आजचे शब्द संशोधनाबद्दल होते. 'Practical' म्हणजे व्यवहार्य; 'convenient', म्हणजे सोयीस्कर; 'fundamental' म्हणजे मूलभूत आणि म्हणजे and 'life-changing' म्हणजे आयुष्य बदलवणारं. पुन्हा भेटू English Together च्या पुढच्या भागात. तोपर्यंत Bye!