

NAME: POPOOLA OLUWAYEMISI

SCHOOL: SHALOM COLLEGE

CLASS: JSS 3

IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW

According to Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary, to invent means to produce or design something that hasn't existed before using the imagination. Invent can also be defined as making or producing a new and useful thing for the first time. My name is Popoola Oluwayemisi and I will be writing on the topic, 'If I could invent something new'.

In our world today, we are compelled to continually adapt to different changes which have brought us to our current living conditions. Some of these adaptations were aided by inventions, some of which were brought to us by our own citizens such as Silas Adekunle, a 33 year old who invented the world's first intelligent gaming robot. We also have Soni Oyekan, who created the Catalytic Naphtha reform which has helped the oil sector of Nigeria and so many other Nigerian inventors. Inventions you know, are solutions to problems of life and therefore need to be encouraged. Imagine creating a machine that would go down in history and appear in the Guinness Book of World Records. It would inspire the youths of the incoming era and reduce unemployment. If I could create such, I would make sure it requires human supervision otherwise, Artificial intelligence would take over almost everything, leaving people with nothing to do. Wait... I could actually invent something! But what can I create?

As a little child, I always wondered when I would be able to go wherever I wanted to without my parents telling me about the price of fuel. My choir rehearsals were drawing nearer and I didn't know how to inform my dad, although I knew I couldn't afford to miss it. 'If only fuel was unlimited', I would wonder.

This problem not only disturbs me, it affects other Nigerians leaving them with no other option than to use what they tag their 'Legedes Benz', or so they call it. I realized that this was a pending issue as we, citizens, could not continue this way. I then recalled that I would soon reach Senior Secondary School 1 and would have to choose a career path. 'Science', I already concluded in my mind. Maybe I could create something and help the future generations of Nigeria, as the common saying goes 'Be the change you wish to see in the world'.

‘What if fuel could be replaced?’, I contemplated. But what could replace it? Wind? Sand? The thought lingered in my mind until it finally hit me. What about a hydro-powered automobile?

This vehicle would be powered by water. And come to think of it, not only will this reduce the cost of transportation, it will directly reduce the price of commodities in the market and services as well. After all water is available almost everywhere, isn’t it?