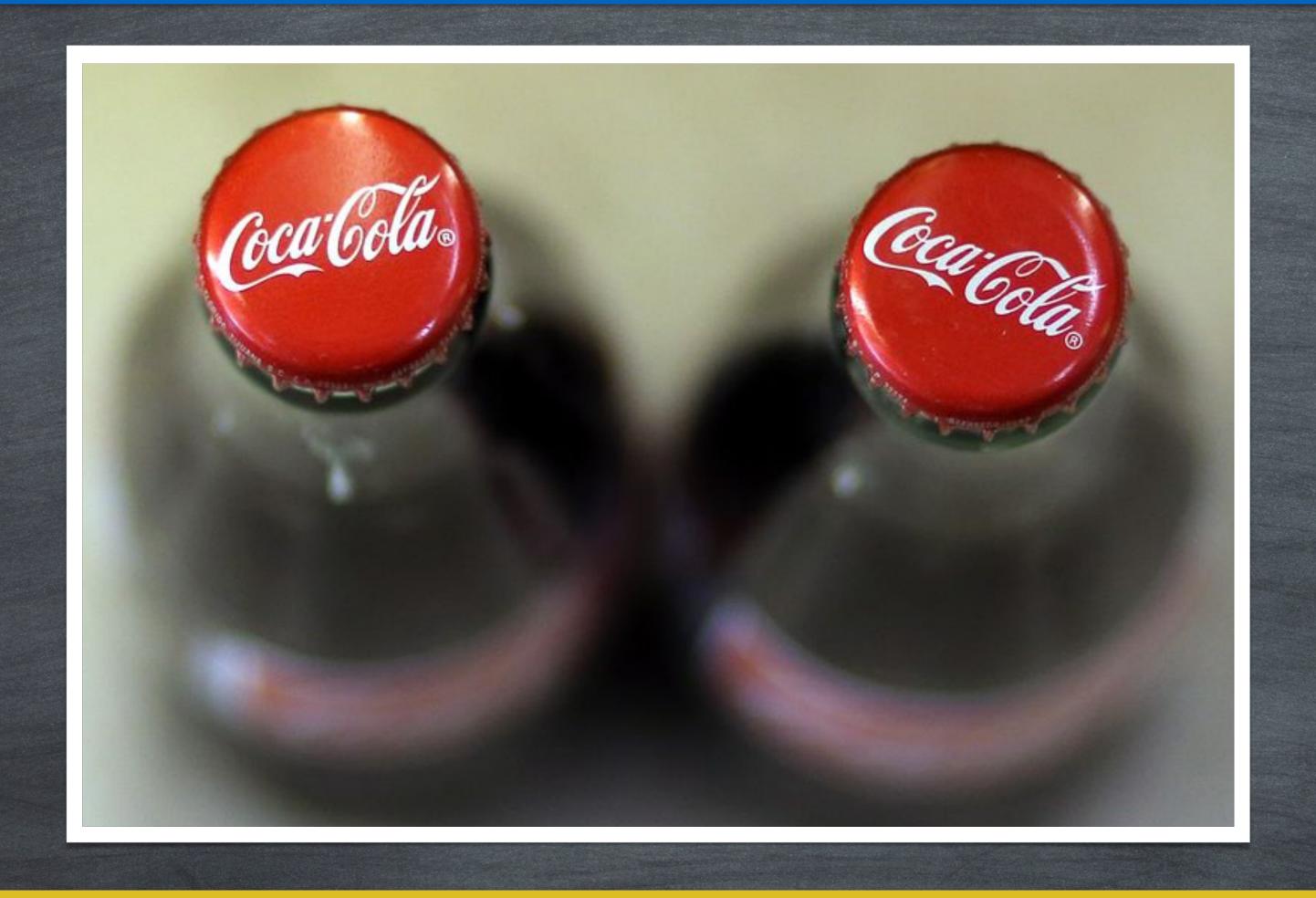
#### Accidental Inventions



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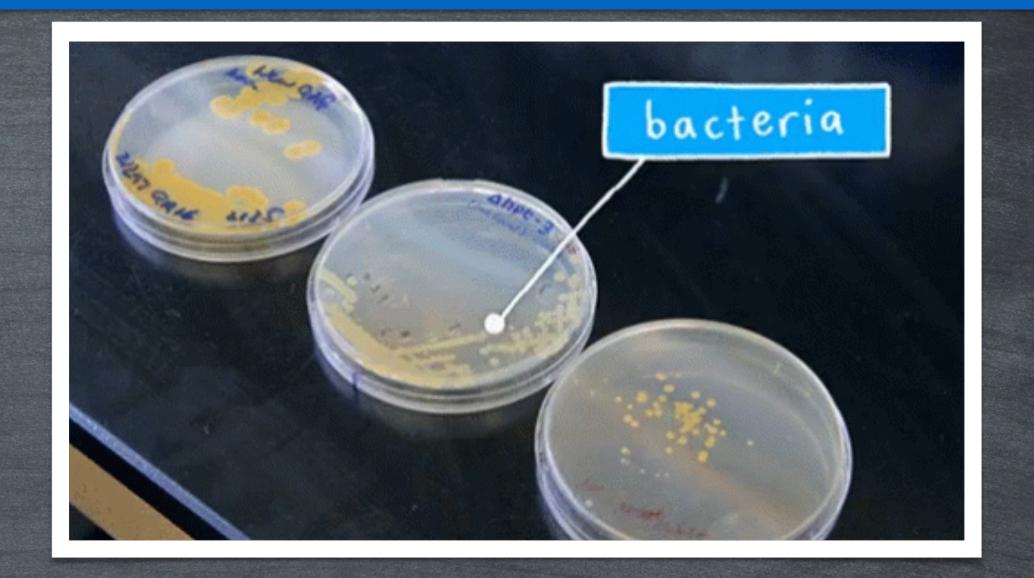
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Alexander Fleming discovered the wonder medicine after he noticed a mold on an old petri dish which was breaking down bacteria around it. Later, Fleming discovered that the mold contained the antibiotic Penicillin, and history was made!

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The simple past is used for short actions in the past.

The past continuous is used for long actions in the past.

#### The Past Continuous Form

Affirmative = was/were + verb + ing

Negative = wasn't/weren't + verb + ing



Yesterday I was watching TV from 9pm to midnight.

**Affirmative Statements (+)** 

was watching TV.

You were watching TV.

He/she was watching TV.

**Negative Statements (-)** 

I wasn't listening to music.

You weren't listening to music.

He/she wasn't listening to music.

We/they were watching TV. We/they weren't listening to music.

# Put the verbs in the past continuous.

- 1. When I phoned my friends, they (watch) a movie.
- 2. Yesterday at six I (prepare) dinner.
- 3. The kids (play) in the garden when it suddenly started to rain.
- 4. I (practice) the guitar when he came home.
- 5. We (not / work) all day.

## Put the verbs in the past continuous.

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- 5. We weren't working all day.

# Simple past or past continuous?

- 1. We (have) dinner when the light (go) off.
- 2. The students (play) cards when the teacher (come) in.
- 3. While Tom (take) a shower, his dog (eat) his sandwich.
- 4. It (start) to rain while we (sit) in the yard.
- 5. The children (watch) TV while their parents (read) the newspaper.

# Simple past or past continuous?

- 1. We were having dinner when the light went off.
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- 5. The children were watching TV while their parents were reading the newspaper.