

The British built the first tanks during World War I (1914 – 1918). The work was carried out in complete secrecy.

Even the workmen in the factory where they were made had no idea what these bulky lorries were to be. The men were told that the machines were going to be used in Egypt for transporting large quantities of water. Every record which was made regarding them was headed WATER-CARRIER. After some time this was shortened by the workmen to TANK.

The name “tank” was kept, and has since then been adopted by nearly all countries.



Answer the questions:

When were the first tanks made?

Who made them?.....

What does a tank look like?

Why was their manufacture kept a secret?

What were the workers told?

Were there any other inventions and developments made during World War I?

Change from the Active voice into the Passive voice:

The British made the first tanks. ... *The first tanks were made by the British.*

They needed the tanks at the front in France.

They told the workmen that they needed the lorries in Egypt.

Most countries adopted the expression „tank“.

We still use this noun.

What do you think is the origin of the following words?

dachshund	heated meat	dog that chases badgers	clever pickpocket	a furious tribe from Asia
Texas	a weapon	a greeting	dry grass	a gunfighter's first name
Canada	large village	tiny hill	lonesome men	big sky
Argentina	gold	silver	bronze	cardboard
rucksack	lack of luck	back and pack	nick or neck	heavy for duty
alarm	noise	fire	peace	weapon
gossip	ghost	God	talk	soap
umbrella	rain	shadow	stick	dry
chef	kitchen	meat	soup	head
checkmate	good friend	dead king	harmless enemy	strong knight