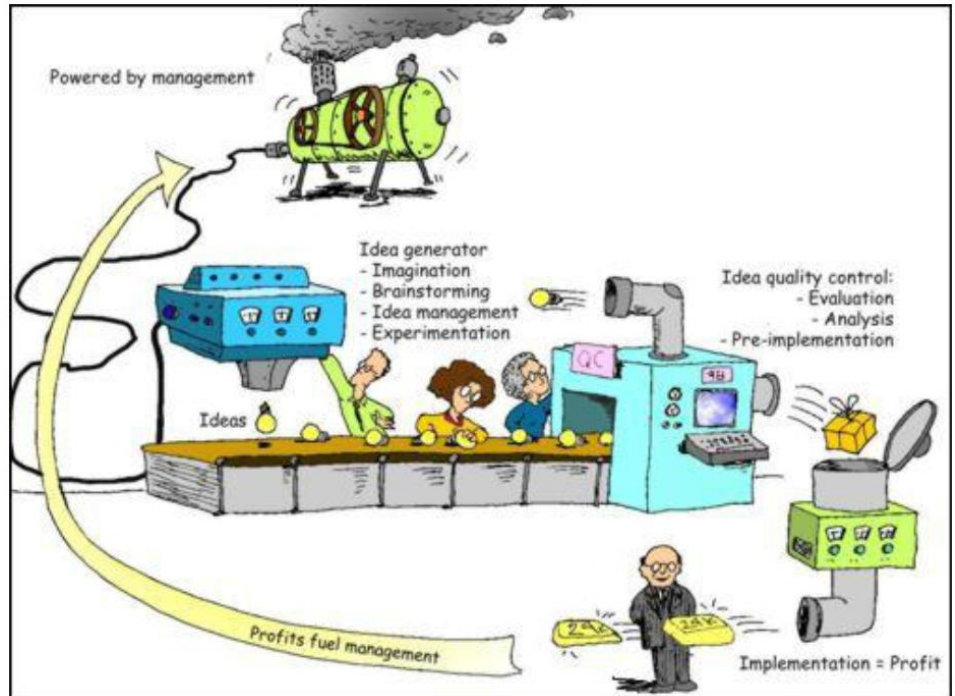


From concept to protection

A company must create new products to make profits.

Give a definition of what an **invention** is:

Give a definition of what a **discovery** is:



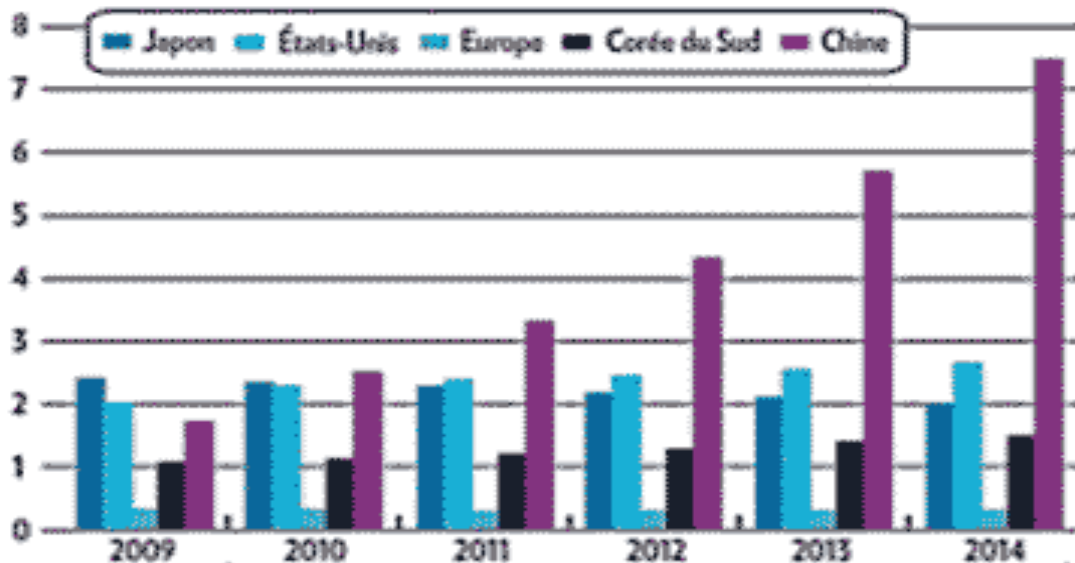
A **patent** is used to protect an invention from being used without your permission.

To grant a patent:

- You have to pay,
- You must define the period over which you want your invention to be protected
- You must explain precisely what your invention is.



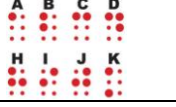




What do you think about the graph below?

Number of patents, in millions, published and the forecast for the future years:



Inventions and Inventors

Link the inventions with the name of their inventors:

Gabriel Fahrenheit		A new method to prepare coffee and the filter
Alessandro Volta		Slices of bread with meat, cheese, ...
George Eastman		For the blind
Louis Braille		Camera with a film
Levi Strauss		The battery
Earl of Sandwich		The blue Jeans
Melitta Bentz		The thermometer with mercury and the unit of temperatures

Can you think about other examples of inventions linked with the name of their inventor?

New products



What need or problem do they attempt to solve ?
 What is their purpose?
 What are their strengths and weaknesses?