This website presents everything T.D. learned about how chewing gum was invented when he was doing research for a report in Ms. Clusky's class. Maybe it'll give you something to chew on!
Hello, I'm John B. Curtis and I invented chewing gum.
Greetings, I'm Tom Adams and I invented chewing gum.
I studied the ways people make gum out of tree sap and wax.

**studied**: when you study, you try to learn things. People usually study by reading, looking at things carefully or listening to teachers.
chicle: chicle is the sap from a Sapodilla tree.

I experimented with a tree sap called chicle to see if I could use it instead of rubber to make rain boots, toys and bicycle tires.
The **evidence** from his experiments **proved** that **chicle** was good for only one thing: chewing gum.

**evidence**: evidence is something that shows an idea is true.

**prove**: when you prove something you show that it is true or correct.

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So, I made gum from chicle called Black Jack.
It tasted like licorice.
And now I will **demonstrate** how to blow a bubble.

demonstrate: to demonstrate is to explain or describe something by showing examples.
The first flavored gum was called Black Jack.
Bubble gum is pink because that was the only food color around when it was invented.
Gum doesn't stay in your stomach if you swallow it.
Chewing gum is the world's most common habit.
Gum is not allowed in Singapore, unless you get it from your Doctor.
The first kind of bubble gum was called "Blibber Blubber"
Early American settlers made gum from tree sap and bees wax.
The first gum was sold by John B. Curtis. It was called State of Maine Pure Spruce Gum and made from sap and wax.
Chicle was introduced to Tom Adams by a Mexican General named Antonio de Santa Anna.
Tom Adams tried to make rain boots and bicycle tires out of chicle. He failed and kept trying for ten years before giving up.
Tom Adam was inspired to make gum instead of throw away all the chicle he'd bought. He sold pieces of Adams New York No. 1 gum for 1 penny each.
John Colgan invented a way to make flavor last longer. Tutti-Frutti gum was sold in Vending machines.
The first bubble gum, called "Blibber-Blubber" was invented by Frank Fleer.
Ingredients:

- Gum base, (like chicle)
- Softener, (like wax)
- Peppermint flavor, (or **improvise** using whatever flavors you have to come up with a new flavor)
- Sweetener (like sugar)

**ingredients**: an ingredient is one of the things that goes into a mixture.

**improvise**: when you improvise, you make something from whatever materials are around.
1. Prepare the gum base (the thing that makes it chewy.)
2. Add flavor, sweetener and softener to the gum base.
3. Clean and melt the mixture in a steam cooker.
4. Pump the gum through a machine to cut it into pieces.
5. Package the pieces of gum with other machines.