



2021 Illustration and Writing Contest

Vending machine now plays a crucial role in our daily life. It provides various goods, like food, postcards, cigarettes and so on; I like buying things from this device when I am in a hurry. However, the origin of this machine can be dated back to 215 BC. Heron, an ancient Greek mathematician, invented this device to prevent holy water from being stolen. Different from the machine nowadays - powered by electricity, Heron applied the principles of lever as well as gravity to make it operate. I cannot help but applaud how intelligent Heron is! Although the function of this device and the way it runs are distinct from those in the past, the creation still brings people much more convenience.