

## How much do you know about the radio?

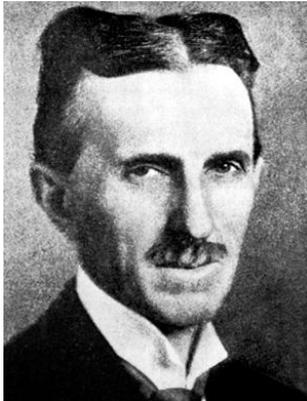
The radio works because of radio waves, which are really a type of light. Another name for the radio is **the wireless** (there are no wires for broadcasting).



Guglielmo Marconi, an Italian inventor, is called the “father of the radio” because he managed the first transmissions in 1900s.



However, the patent for the radio belongs to Nikola Tesla, and it is from 1892!



Most radio commercials are just 15 seconds long. People who are listening can concentrate best in that time, or less.

44,000 – This is the number of active radio stations in the world today, says a UNESCO report.



In the USA, 93% of people say they enjoy listening to the radio – but only 85% say that for TV, and only 74% for smartphones.

Here are some other things that use radio waves: WiFi, text messages, and astronomical objects.



