

# A Letter from Charles Macintosh

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109 With love,  
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## Questions



1. What does the new mixture do to material?



2. Which word tells you that Charles was surprised? Tick one.

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☐ amazed  
☐ created



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## Answers



1. What does the new mixture do to material?

**The new mixture makes material waterproof.**



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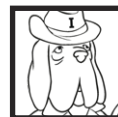


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Can you believe that?

I have good news to cheer you up.

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4. Why do you think people might not want to wear a coat made with this mixture?

**Pupils' own responses, such as:  
I think people might not want to wear it because of the bad smell.**