

# A day in Sweden without knowing



# Good morning!

**Y**ou probably don't know it, but every day you use swedish goods and services. I'm going to tell the story of a day when you come across Sweden without knowing it. Maybe it already starts in the morning, when you wake up in an IKEA bed (IKEA is a Swedish company).

Unfortunately there are no IKEA stores here in Angola, but who knows, maybe one day...

Then you go to make breakfast and open the refrigerator. The first refrigerator was invented by a Swede. You take some juice, milk, butter or yoghurt. Many of these packages were invented and even produced by a swedish company called Tetra Pak.



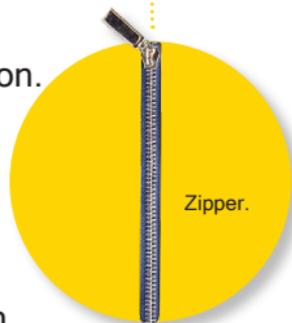
Tetra Pak.

# Sweden without knowing it

Next, you are eating and suddenly your mobile phone rings or someone sends you an SMS. The first mobile phone was an invention of the Swedish company Ericsson.

Then you get dressed and - who knows - maybe you're wearing a dress with a zipper - also a Swedish invention. Before leaving, you need to check some news on the computer and you use a mouse - also a Swedish invention.

Work awaits. But before that, you need to help your youngest child with his bicycle. You need to use an adjustable wrench. A Swedish invention. Here it is sometimes called an "English key", but it is actually a Swedish invention.



Volvo.



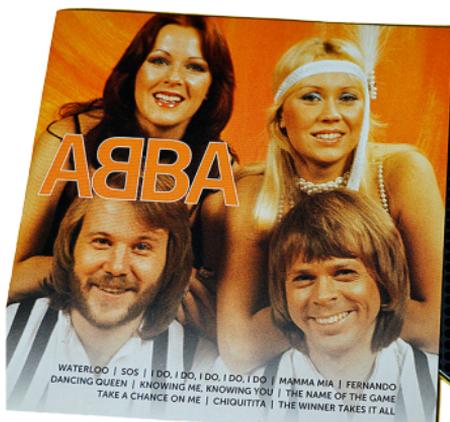
You go to the car - and its no surprise that it's a Swedish car - a Volvo - and you fasten your seatbelt, which was invented in Sweden. You have an appointment at an address you don't know very well, so you enter the address into the GPS system in your car - the GPS was invented in Sweden.

On the way to work, you drop your daughter off at the bus stop. The bus that takes her to school is a Scania. Scania is a large international Swedish company.



Scania.

Walking down the street, you realize you need some money and you pass by an ATM. The first ATM was made by a Swede



ABBA.

You are still  
in the car

listening to music by ABBA, Roxette, Avicii,  
Britney Spears and Lady Gaga. Well,  
everyone knows that ABBA and Roxette are  
from Sweden, but I'm not going to say that  
Britney Spears and Lady Gaga are Swedish;  
however, their most famous songs are  
produced by a Swede, Max Martin.

At work, you need to make an international  
call. You probably use Skype - easier and  
cheaper - and also a Swedish invention. At  
the same time, you realize that you forgot  
your mobile phone cable and your sound  
device.



Bluetooth.

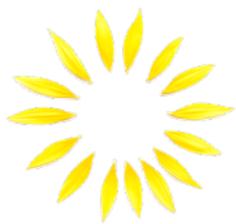
No problem, you have Bluetooth - a wireless connection - a Swedish invention.

Later, on your way back home, while listening to the radio news, you hear about an accident. One person was seriously injured and needed a dialysis machine - also a Swedish invention. The injured person will fortunately survive.



Rear-facing child seat.

Another person was also hurt, but not as seriously. The doctor performs surgery using local anesthetics made with xylocaine - a Swedish invention. The boy who was also in the car during the accident is fine - largely because he was using a rear-facing child seat - also a Swedish invention.



All new innovations need energy. Sweden is a country that is far ahead in the energy sector. Swedish companies, including Hitachi Energy (formerly ABB), are now involved in building the major solar park south of the Sahara. The park in southern Angola will generate electricity in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way, and will certainly help many Angolan families.

All right, when you arrive home, something happens that should not happen – the power goes out, and the electricity fails. No problem, you grab your safety matches – another Swedish invention.





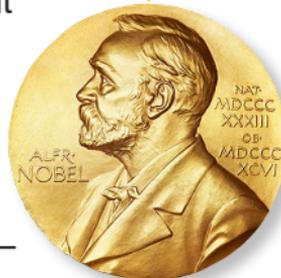
Ball  
bearing.

You enter your house, but it's a bit dark, and you trip over your son's skateboard (known in Angola as a 'carro de sabão'). You know that the skateboard has wheels, and the most important thing for the skateboard to move fast and smoothly is the ball bearing – a Swedish invention.

But you're not very lucky – you fall again. This time on top of the vacuum cleaner – a Swedish innovation.

Well, you finally get back on your feet. Without electricity, it becomes difficult to make dinner. But at home you have a kerosene stove – also a Swedish invention.

After an intense day, you go to sleep, but it's difficult because there is a party in the city. You can hear many fireworks and explosions - and dynamite was invented by the Swede Alfred Nobel. Today, there is a prize named after him – the Nobel Prize – which is perhaps the most prestigious in the world, in areas such as medicine, literature and other fields.



But you finally manage to fall asleep after reading a Pippi Longstocking story to your children – stories known around the entire world, written by the Swedish author Astrid Lindgren. This was a day when you encountered Sweden without even knowing it...



**Good night!**

**S**weden and Angola face a bright future rooted in a long shared history. Sweden's involvement in Angola goes back more than 50 years.

Political, economic, and cultural relations between governments, authorities, companies, cultural institutions, and private organizations have created unique bonds between the two peoples, ensuring greater development and stronger bilateral relations.



Lennart Killander Larsson  
Embaixador da Suécia  
em Angola

The main characteristics of the relationship have evolved from Swedish humanitarian support, through development aid, to trade and investment. Angola is one of the fastest-growing markets in Africa, and Sweden and Swedish companies have strong interest in being involved in the country's development. Sweden and



Manuel Graças de Deus  
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Swedish companies can contribute with knowledge, services and products according to Angola needs, demands and priorities, thereby benefiting the country's development and its population, while

further strengthening ties between the countries.

To emphasize the importance of bilateral relations and to work actively to develop and deepen them, the Swedish government appointed Lennart Killander Larsson for a second mandate as Sweden's ambassador. He served in Angola between 2016 and 2019. He has now renewed his commitment and will work exclusively and full-time with Angola, based in Stockholm but with frequent targeted visits to Angola. At his side is the honorary consul, Manuel Graças de Deus.



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