

**Activity Sheet 1a**

**Comprehension-Thomas Edison (pg 19-27)**

**A) Answer the following questions in complete sentences.**

1. On pg 19, Edison said, " I don't notice time passing when I do experiments!" What does this say about him?

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2. Did Edison allow his deafness to affect him negatively? How do you know?

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3. What did Edison do to protect his inventions? Why did he do that?

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4. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so.

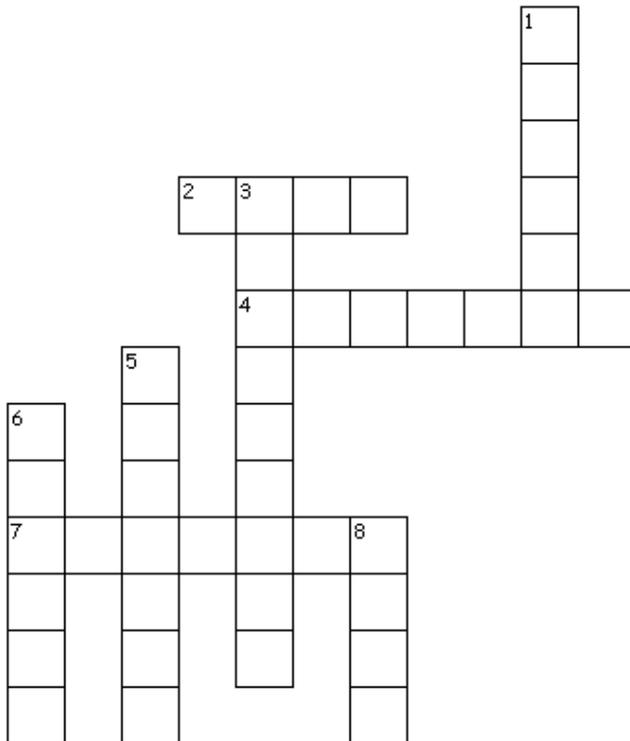
	True/false	Reason
Edison was sad not to go to school.		
The telegraph was already invented when Edison was a young man.		
Edison believed that hard work was the most important value for any invention.		

5. State 2 advantages of the light bulb.

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### Activity 1b- Vocabulary

The answers can be found in the story. Can you solve the puzzle? Have fun!



**Across**

- 2. unable to hear
- 4. one hundred years
- 7. sly and crafty

**Down**

- 1. an underground room
- 3. only to be used by one person or group
- 5. the first person to introduce or do something
- 6. an empty space
- 8. a dull steady light

**Answer Key**

Comprehension and Vocabulary

- 1. He was a focussed person. (accept all plausible answers)
- 2. No. He became more determined to concentrate harder on his experiments.
- 3. He patented them. This would prevent his inventions from being copied by other people.
- 4. The light bulb did not cost much and it was not smelly or poisonous.
- 5.

	True/false	Reason
Edison was sad not to go to school.	False	He did not like school as there were not enough science experiments.
The telegraph was already invented when Edison was a young man.	True	He knew about the Civil War through the telegraph.
Edison believed that hard work was the most important value for any invention.	True	He said, " Any invention is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration (hard work)."

Vocabulary

- Across: 2) deaf 4) century 7) cunning  
 Down: 1. cellar 3) exclusive 5) pioneer 6) vacuum 8) glow



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