

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks with the correct word.

Most people don't \_\_\_\_\_ about erasers unless they need to change something on their paper. Erasers have a long history, but the one on your pencil has been around for a short time.

The history of the \_\_\_\_\_ eraser begins in the 1700s.

It starts in South America where people collected water from rubber \_\_\_\_\_. They made many things with it. A man from France visiting the area saw this material. He thought it was \_\_\_\_\_, so he sent some to friends in Europe to study.

Some of it \_\_\_\_\_ to a man in England. His name was Edward Nairne. One day, Edward was writing at his table and needed an eraser. Instead of \_\_\_\_\_ a piece of bread, a popular eraser at the time, he used a piece of rubber that was on his table. He was surprised. It worked \_\_\_\_\_ than bread. That's when Edward had an idea.

Soon, he was \_\_\_\_\_ rubber erasers. He called them rubbers because of the movement. When people erase, they rub \_\_\_\_\_ with an eraser.

How do erasers work? They \_\_\_\_\_ like glue. When we write on paper, small pieces of graphite stick to paper. Graphite is the black \_\_\_\_\_ inside pencils. When you move an eraser on paper, it becomes warm. When it's warm, graphite sticks to it and words \_\_\_\_\_ off the paper.

Good erasers are \_\_\_\_\_ held. If you want a great product, get an art eraser. It removes the black marks and won't \_\_\_\_\_ the paper.