

Edison

Gap fill

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks.

People around the world _____ Thomas Edison. Students learn he made _____, like the light _____ . They also learn he worked alone at _____ . Edison worked a lot, but some stories are not _____ .

Edison once said he didn't _____ to make new things. He could buy _____ from people. That's what _____ with the light bulb.

A man from England made it in _____ . Edison gave him some _____ for the idea. Then people at Edison's company _____ it. In _____ , they made a better bulb. People _____ it and Edison made lots of money.

Some people think he worked alone all night. Not true. He had a team working for his _____ . Sometimes there were _____ people. For example, he did not make the light bulb better. He _____ other people to do that.

Edison was good at _____ companies. One company made electricity. Today, that company is still _____ . It is called General Electric.

He _____ companies to buy ideas. Today, _____ companies like Google do the same thing. They buy small companies with a good _____ .

The true story about Edison helps us _____ how to make a new idea. It doesn't always come from _____ work. We can sometimes find a _____ idea if we find an old _____ and change it.

Synonym match

Match the words or phrases.

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| 1. change | a. independently |
| 2. electricity | b. earned |
| 3. alone | c. modify |
| 4. made | d. create |
| 5. make | e. power |

True or false

Choose the correct answer.

1. Edison had great financial success with the lightbulb. T or F
2. Edison invented the lightbulb in 1845. T or F
3. Edison's company employed several people. T or F
4. Edison frequently copied ideas from other companies. T or F
5. Some myths about Edison are not true. T or F

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Anagrams

Move letters. Make a new word.

RNATDUESDN

CAIMPNSEO

PENHDEPA

TREHO

LNARE

BBLU

ESL discussion questions

Talk about the story

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1. What kind of story is this?
 2. Summarize evolution of the lightbulb.
 3. What are the pros and cons electricity?
 4. Retell the story of lightbulb from the perspective of the British inventor.
 5. Compare and contrast the two types of companies mentioned in the story.
 6. How did Edison's invention of movie camera change the world?
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Writing practice

Put the words in the correct order.

1. make / he / once / need / said / Edison / new / to / things / didn't
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2. it / made / bought / of / and / lots / People / Edison / money
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3. He / buy / to / used / ideas / companies
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4. and / find / find / a / idea / We / new / old / if / we / one / change / sometimes / can / it / an
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5. working / a / team / for / his / had / He / company
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