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THOMAS EDISON



"I never did a day's work in my life, it was all fun."

Thomas Edison was one of the most important inventors in history. He was born in Ohio, USA, in 1847. He was a very curious child, he had problems at school and then he started to be educated at home by his mother, a former teacher.

Thomas was left **partially deaf** at the age of 12 from a disease.

He performed his first experiments in his parents' cellar. At the age of 22 he moved to New York and started selling his first inventions. With this money, he created his laboratory in Merlo Park. There he patented more important discoveries: the phonograph, the new telegraph system, a very important version of a light bulb, the kinetoscope, etc.

During his life, he patented more than 1.000 inventions. He was known as the "Wizard of Merlo Park".

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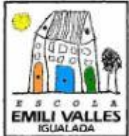
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cellar: soterrani

light bulb: bombeta

1. Tick the correct sentences:

Edison was home-schooled by his father.	
His mother was a scientist.	
He was a curious child. He liked to discover new things.	
The light bulb he invented was very important.	
He patented less than 1.000 inventions in his life.	
He was known as the "Witch of New York".	



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2. Order the sentences:

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2.

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3.

HIS	WAS	MOTHER	TEACHER	A
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4.

HE	THE	IMPROVED	LIGHT	BULB
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3. Match the names with the pictures of Edison's inventions:




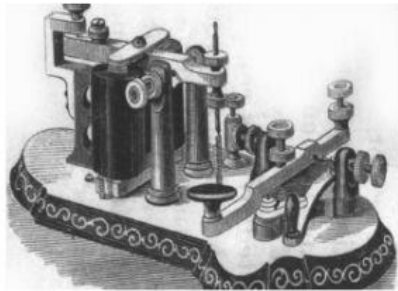
LIGHT BULB	PHONOGRAPH	TELEGRAPH	KINETOSCOPE
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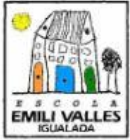
LIGHT BULB: It could light a room. It lasted for more hours than others.

PHONOGRAPH: It could record and play different sounds.

KINETOSCOPE: It could play a set of animated pictures.

TELEGRAPH: It could send long distance messages. He didn't invent it, but he improved it.



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