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WIPERS

Mary Anderson had a great idea. She saw that streetcars had a hard time running in the rain. The windows got all runny with water. It was hard to see outside, and it was hard to drive down the street. It was not safe for the riders on rainy days.

She thought and thought. Mary had a good idea. She made wipers that could work on the outside of the car. They had a button inside the streetcar to push in the rain. She hoped it would work.

When it rained, the driver pressed the button. The wipers went back and forth. They took the rain off the window. It made it easier to drive down the street. It made the people inside feel safer, and the driver could see where he was going.

Mary's idea worked. People liked the wipers. They put them on cars, and they worked, too. Her idea went all over the world.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. Mary got the idea for wipers because . . .
 - a. she liked to help others.
 - b. rain made her happy.
 - c. she liked the rain.
 - d. street cars had a hard time working in the rain.
2. Where is the one place you will not find wipers today?

a. on a bank	c. on a bus
b. on a car	d. on a truck
3. How do wipers help drivers?
 - a. They can see better in the rain.
 - b. They can drive faster in the snow.
 - c. They can talk louder.
 - d. They can watch the wipers move up and down.