

Listening 1

LISTEN FOR MAIN IDEAS

Listen to the news report. Check (✓) the three sentences that best express main ideas of the news report.

- ___ 1. In the past, people fixed many of the machines they owned.
- ___ 2. Parents did not pass the skills to repair cars on to their children.
- ___ 3. Children need to be taught to repair and invent things.
- ___ 4. Saul Griffith is an inventor with a degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- ___ 5. Griffith invented a giant kite that can produce electricity.
- ___ 6. *Howtoons* shows children how to make science and invention fun.

Read the sentences. Then listen again. Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

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- 1. When parents and children worked together to repair a car, the _____ and knowledge passed from parent to child.
- 2. One reason that people don't repair things is that the repair is often more _____ than buying the same thing new.
- 3. The huge kite that Griffith invented can produce _____.
- 4. Griffith feels that DIY projects bring people _____ to the objects around them.
- 5. When kids read *Howtoons*, they learn how to think like _____.
- 6. One of the *Howtoons* shows kids how to make pens, _____, and ink.
- 7. Griffith presents *Howtoons* at science fairs and _____.
- 8. Griffith focuses on teaching kids because he thinks it may be too late for _____ to become inventors.