

Reading - THOMAS EDISON

1. Read the text and decide if the sentences below are true or false.
Write T for true and F for false.

Thomas Edison was one of the most influential inventors in history. Born in Ohio, USA, in 1847, Edison was an inquisitive child. He was educated at home by his mother, a former teacher. From the time he was 12 years old he did different jobs. This helped him to continuously improve his skills.

Edison performed his first experiments in his parents' cellar. At the age of 22 he moved to New York and patented an improved stock ticker for the Exchange. His patent helped him to make enough money to open his own lab in Menlo Park. There he patented some of the most transformative inventions, such as the phonograph, the carbon microphone used in telephones, an improved telegraph machine and of course, the incandescent light bulb! Although Edison was not the inventor of the light bulb, he produced the first commercially viable lamps. During his life Edison patented over 1,000 inventions, and he is known as the Wizard of Menlo Park.



Thomas Edison demonstrates the light bulb.

- ➊ Edison was home-schooled by his father, a former teacher.
- ➋ He was a curious child, constantly asking questions.
- ➌ His invention of the phonograph gave him money to open his own lab.
- ➍ One of his most brilliant creations was the first commercial light bulb.
- ➎ Due to his numerous discoveries, Edison earned the nickname Warlock of Menlo Park.