

Choose the correct option

Edison, Thomas Alva (1847–1931)

US inventor

Thomas Edison (1) _____ work on the railway when he was twelve, selling newspapers and snacks. There were long periods with nothing for him to do, so he (2) _____ himself a little laboratory in the luggage van. He could carry out experiments there when he (3) _____ things to passengers. He also (4) _____ a library and (5) _____ every single book in it.

One day, when he (6) _____ at a station, he (7) _____ a small boy. The boy (8) _____ by the track, unaware that a train (9) _____ Edison (10) _____ out and (11) _____ the child just in time. The child's father was so grateful that he (12) _____ to teach Edison



to be a telegraph operator. Edison accepted the offer and soon he (13) _____ regular lessons. After a year, he was good enough to get a job in the telegraph office. He continued to read and experiment whenever he (14) _____ time. At twenty-one he (15) _____ the telegraph office to devote all his time to being an inventor. He (16) _____ to invent the electric light bulb, the phonograph and the movie camera.