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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.