

Who Invented the Telephone?

Complete the paragraph



Did you know that there are more telephones in the world than there are people? Cell phones alone add up to more than 6 billion! It's hard to imagine a world without the telephone, and the person we have to thank for the telephone is Alexander Graham Bell, who invented it in (1) _____.

Alexander was born on March 3, 1847 in (2) _____, Scotland. As a young boy, he was very talented in music, poetry and art, and when he was only 12 years old, he began inventing things. Also, when he was 12, his mother began to (3) _____ her hearing and was later to become completely (4) _____. This greatly affected Alexander, who became very interested in the scientific study of sound and the human voice.

In 1870, at the age of 23, Alexander (5) _____ to Canada with his parents where they bought a farm in the province of Ontario. It was there that he built a small workshop to continue his experiments in sound.

On March 10, 1876, while working on his invention, Mr. Bell (6) _____ the first words ever into a telephone: "Mr. Watson, come here, I want to see you," when he had a small accident in his (7) _____. The first telephone, a machine that was able to carry the human voice over long distances, had been (8) _____. By 1886, more than 150,000 people in the United States owned one, and our world would never be the same again. Alexander Graham Bell (9) _____ in Canada in 1922.