

Four Inventors

READING TIP

Use the pictures to help you understand the text.

Leonardo da Vinci (1452 – 1519)

Leonardo da Vinci painted the Mona Lisa, which is perhaps the most famous painting in the world. But Leonardo was also a scientist and an inventor. He invented some musical instruments and a type of clock. He also designed this flying machine.



Josephine Cochrane (1839 – 1913)

In about 1880, Josephine Cochrane had an idea. She wanted to design a machine to wash dishes. So she studied science and mechanics. She learned how to draw. She worked on her design for six years. Finally, in 1886, her dishwashing machine was complete.



Thomas Edison (1847 – 1931)

Thomas Edison invented many things. He invented the phonograph (a machine for recording sound), a type of battery and a type of car. But his most famous invention was a type of light bulb. He was not the first person to invent a light bulb, but his design was the most efficient. Nowadays, there are light bulbs for bicycles, mobile phones, fridges and microscopes. Can you imagine life without light bulbs?



George Lerner (1922 – 1995)

In 1949, George Lerner invented a plastic toy called Mr Potato Head. At first, the toy was not a success. But in 1952, Mr Potato Head appeared in a television commercial. Then every child wanted the toy. Today, Mr Potato Head is one of the most popular toys in the world. He is also a character in the *Toy Story* films.



Write the correct information under the correct name

HE WAS BORN IN 1452	DA VINCI	COCHRANE	EDISON	LERNER
HE WAS BORN IN 1922	DA VINCI	COCHRANE	EDISON	LERNER
SHE DIED IN 1913	DA VINCI	COCHRANE	EDISON	LERNER
HE PAINTED THE MONA LISA.	DA VINCI	COCHRANE	EDISON	LERNER
HE DIED IN 1931	DA VINCI	COCHRANE	EDISON	LERNER
HE LIVED 67 YEARS	DA VINCI	COCHRANE	EDISON	LERNER
SHE LIVED 74 YEARS	DA VINCI	COCHRANE	EDISON	LERNER
HE WAS A SCIENTIST AND AN INVENTOR	DA VINCI	COCHRANE	EDISON	LERNER
HE INVENTED A PHONOGRAPH	DA VINCI	COCHRANE	EDISON	LERNER
SHE INVENTED THE DISHWASHER.	DA VINCI	COCHRANE	EDISON	LERNER
SHE WAS A SCIENTIST AND A MECHANIC	DA VINCI	COCHRANE	EDISON	LERNER
HE INVENTED A PLASTIC TOY.	DA VINCI	COCHRANE	EDISON	LERNER
MR POTATOE HEAD APPEARED ON A COMMERCIAL	DA VINCI	COCHRANE	EDISON	LERNER
HE INVENTED A TYPE OF CLOCK	DA VINCI	COCHRANE	EDISON	LERNER
HE LIVED FROM 1922 TO 1995	DA VINCI	COCHRANE	EDISON	LERNER

TRUE OR FALSE???



He was an inventor.

He died when he was 84 years.

He invented the car

He was born before Leonardo Da Vinci.



He was a scientist.

He painted la Mona Lisa

He designed a car.

He invented a type of clock



She invented a washing machine

She invented a dishwasher.

She studied Art.

She died very Young.



He invented a famous plastic toy.

The plastic toy wasn't very popular at the beginning

Mr Potatoe Head appeared on a cartoon.

Mr Potatoe Head appeared on a commercial.