READING

1 Read the article quickly. Find these things.

1 the name of the boy who had a 'big idea': .....

2 the name of the invention: .....

3 the names of two books: ....., ...

2 e Read the article again. Complete the sentences with one, two, three or four words in each gap.

1 Chris is from the ..... .

2 Chris made a special basketball to ..... children to play well.

3 There was a ..... Chris's school for young inventors.

4 A ..... Chris's idea.

5 Chris was in a book called *Kids Inventing* and he became ..... .

6 Chris ..... called *Shooting for Your Dreams*.



Chris Haas is from California in the USA. He was born in 1994. Chris's father was a basketball teacher, so Chris learned to play when he was very young.

When he was just nine years old, Chris had an idea which changed his life. He saw children who had problems playing basketball and he wanted to make a special basketball to help them. He painted big hands on a ball and called it the 'hands-on basketball'.



Chris entered the ball in a competition for inventions at his school. He didn't win the prize, but that didn't stop him. His dad helped him to take his special ball to a big sports company. They bought the idea and they made the basketball. Now you can buy the 'hands on basketball' all over the world. Chris became famous because he was in a book called *Kids Inventing*. The book was about young people who make things.

Chris used the money from his invention to pay for himself and his brother and sister to study at university. He also started to help other young people with their projects.

Chris had another idea for a 'hands-on football' to help children learn to play American football. He also wrote a book about his experiences: *Shooting for Your Dreams*. The book tells the amazing story of how a small idea can help thousands of children every day.

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