

LOST OF PREPOSITIONS

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Charles Babbage was born (1) _____ Walworth, London in 1792. Known (2) _____ some (3) _____ the 'Father (4) _____ Computing' for his contributions (5) _____ the basic design (6) _____ the computer, he died a largely forgotten man, disillusioned (7) _____ life. Educated (8) _____ Cambridge, Babbage was seriously disappointed (9) _____ the mathematical instruction available there and (10) _____ the end failed to graduate. However, he had tremendous ability and vision, excelling (11) _____ a variety (12) _____ fields including politics and philosophy. (13) _____ Babbage's time, complex calculations were done (14) _____ humans called 'computers' who used numerical tables. (15) _____ Cambridge he saw the high error rate (16) _____ the people computing the tables and thus started his life's work in trying to calculate the tables mechanically. He began in 1822 (17) _____ the 'Difference Engine', and (18) _____ completing it in 1832 he conceived (19) _____ an even better idea; a machine that could perform not just one mathematical task, but any kind (20) _____ calculation. This was the 'Analytical Engine', which had some (21) _____ the characteristics (22) _____ today's computers. In spite of receiving much funding (23) _____ the project, he did not complete it and this ultimately cost him his reputation. Babbage was an eccentric man, who took pleasure (24) _____ counting even the most boring things. Obsessed too (25) _____ fire, he once baked himself (26) _____ an oven (27) _____ 130°C (28) _____ four minutes 'without any great discomfort' to 'see what would happen'. Despite his many achievements, the failure to construct his calculating machines, and (29) _____ particular the failure (30) _____ the government to lend support (31) _____ his work, left Babbage (32) _____ his declining years a disappointed man (33) _____ the recognition (34) _____ brilliance that he deserved. He died (35) _____ his London home in 1871.