

**Creative Kids**

Did you know that a teenager had the first idea for a television? And a six-year-old boy invented the toy truck? Kids are great inventors because they have a lot of imagination.

1994: Chris Haas was nine years old when he designed a “hands-on basketball.” His basketball has painted hands on it. The hands show you where to put your hands when you throw the ball. Today people all over the world use his invention.

1994: “Wristies” protect you from the cold. Kathryn Gregory was only ten when she had the idea. She was in the snow and her wrists hurt because they were cold and wet. So she invented Wristies.

1905: When Frank Epperson was eleven, he left a cup with soda and a stick in his yard. That night he forgot about it. It was a very cold night. When he went outside the next morning he found something amazing: a “Popsicle”!

I. Read. Choose the best answer.**1. Why can kids be great inventors?**

- A. Because they can invent the toy truck.
- B. Because they have a lot of ideas.
- C. Because they have lots of imagination
- D. Because they want to be scientists.

2. How can a hands-on basketball be helpful?

- A. It helps you throw the ball correctly.
- B. It helps you know where to put your hand to throw the ball.
- C. People around the world can use it.
- D. It is a bag for you to put your ball in.

3. Who invented “Wristies”?

- A. Chris Haas
- B. Louis Braille
- C. Frank Epperson
- D. Kathryn Gregory

4. When did Frank invent the Popsicle?

- A. in 1995
- B. in 1905
- C. in 1915
- D. in 1955

5. How did Frank invent “Popsicle”?

- A. He left soda with stick in his yard.
- B. He left soda in the fridge.
- C. He left ice cream in his yard.
- D. He left milk with stick in his yard.

II. Read. Choose T (True) or F (False).

- 0. Chris Haas designed a “hands-on basketball” at the age of ten. T **F**
- 1. Only people where Chris Haas lives use his invention. T **F**
- 2. Wristies keep your hands and arms warm. T **F**
- 3. Chris’s invention was 89 years after Kathryn’s invention. T **F**
- 4. Frank invented the popsicle when he was eleven. T **F**
- 5. Popsicle has soda and a stick inside. T **F**