



1. Complete the text with the past passive voice ____/10

An inventor from the US – Thomas Edison

A lot of the things we enjoy today

(a) _____ (invent) in the US. For example, potato chips, the microwave and the laser printer (b) _____ all (create) by Americans.

Two forms of transport (c) _____ (build) in the US before anywhere else, too. The aeroplane (d) _____ (design) by the Wright Brothers and the first automatic car (e) _____ (develop) by General Motors.

However, over 100 items (f) _____ (make) by one person alone, Thomas Edison, making him the man with the most inventions in US history.

Thomas Edison was born in Ohio in 1847 – the youngest of seven children. He (g) _____ (teach) by his mother at home. He read books from the library and (h) _____ (encourage) by his mother to do experiments at home. He often took things apart to see how they worked and at a young age he decided to become an inventor.

When he was 22, he moved to New York and developed his first commercial invention called the Universal Stock Printer. He (i) _____ (pay)

\$40,000 for it. He got a reputation as a brilliant inventor.

Some of his other inventions include the telegraph – a way of sending messages – and the phonograph – a way of recording sound. He also invented the motion picture, the battery for the electric car and, of course, the light bulb.

When he died in 1931, aged 84, the lights (j) _____ (turn off) in many homes to show respect for one of the greatest inventors of all time.



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2. Answer the following questions about the text ____/12

a. What do the potato chips, the microwave and the laser printer have in common? What other items mentioned in the text also have this in common?

b. How many items are attributed to Edison? What kind of achievement has he got?

c. How do you think his early education impacted his life? Explain

d. Why is the number 22 mentioned in the text? What did he accomplish then?

e. What characteristics should an inventor have, in your opinion? Explain

f. How was he honored when he died?

3. Transform the following active voice sentences into passive voice. Respect the tenses ____/10

a. JK Rowling wrote Harry Potter in 1997

b. People use cocoa beans to make chocolate

c. People have made adjustments to inventions to adapt them to their needs

a. Artificial intelligence will create things that make our life easier

e. The vikings probably found America before Columbus

4. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets ____/4

a. A _____ (discover) happens when people learn or invent something new

b. Ricky Sarkany is a very important Argentinian _____ (design)

c. *Fur Elise* is one of Beethoven's most famous _____ (compose)

d. A _____ (build) is someone who is in charge of putting something together, for example, a house