Ex.1.Read about Alexander Graham Bell. Put the verbs into the Past Simple.

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL (1847–1922)
Inventor of the telephone

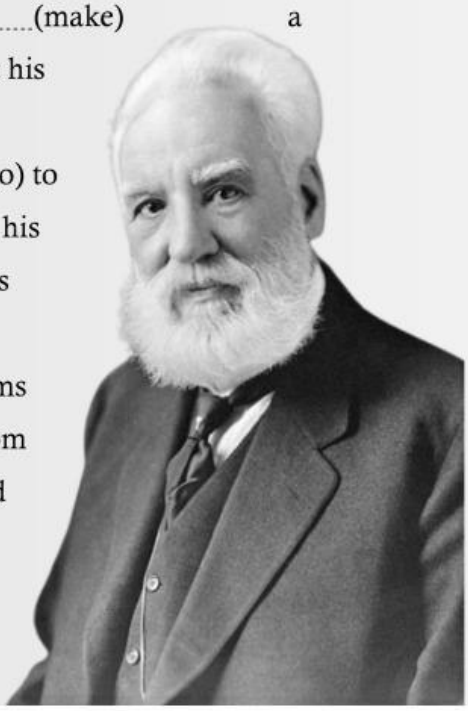
ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL.....(be) born in Edinburgh, Scotland. His mother ..... (be) deaf, so all his life he .....(want) to help his mother hear and speak. Alexander was very clever. He .....(can) read and write when he was very young, and he (finish) school when he was 14. At 14 he also .....(invent) a 'speaking' machine with his brother.

He .....(study) other inventions, too. One day he .....(make) a mistake because he .....(can, not) read German very well. But his mistake ..... (help) him to invent the telephone later!

In 1871 he .....(leave) Scotland and .....(go) to Boston, USA to teach deaf children to speak. He.....(meet) his assistant THOMAS WATSON and he .....(continue) his experiments.

On 10 March, 1876, Watson and Bell.....(be) in different rooms with their machines. Then Watson.....(hear) Bell's voice from the machine: ..... (say) 'Mr Watson, come here. I want you!' And so Alexander Graham Bell .....(become) the inventor of the telephone at the age of 29.

Two years later, there were telephones all over the USA.



Ex.2.Correct the sentences about Alexander Graham Bell.

1 Alexander Graham Bell was American. — He wasn't American. He was Scottish.

2 He wanted to help his mother to see. — ..... .

3 He finished school at eighteen. — ..... .

4 He invented a 'writing' machine. — ..... .

5 He made a mistake reading French. — ..... .

6 He went to the USA in 1877. — ..... .

7 Bell heard Watson's voice from the machine. — ..... .

8 He invented the telephone at 59. — ..... .

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