

Thomas A. Edison was born in Ohio in 1847. He was the greatest inventor of all time. He made more than a thousand inventions. Many of his inventions used the new and amazing power of electricity.

Edison's teachers couldn't teach him, because he knew too much and asked too many questions. So he left school and learnt by himself at home. At the age of 12 he started a newspaper on board a train.

In 1876, Edison set up his own laboratory. He invented a new microphone to make the telephone work better. In 1877, he made a phonograph, a kind of record player. His first recording was the poem „Mary had a little lamb“. In 1879, he made an electric light bulb.

Edison became a rich man. He died in 1931.



invention: Erfindung
amazing: erstaunlich

set up: einrichten, gründen
record player: Plattenspieler

lamb: Lamm
bulb: Glühbirne

Change into the passive:

Setze die Sätze ins Passiv

Edison invented the light bulb. ... *The light bulb was invented by Edison.*.....

James Watt invented the steam-engine.....

Gutenberg invented printing.

Stephenson made the first railway-engine.....

Dunant founded the Red Cross.

Marie Curie discovered Radium.

Gustave Eiffel built the Eiffel Tower.

Leonardo da Vinci painted Mona Lisa.

Columbus discovered America.

Translate:

1. Edison erfand die elektrische Glühbirne.....

2. Die erste (Ton)-Aufnahme wurde von Edison gemacht.

3. Er wusste zu viel.

4. Er stellte zu viele Fragen.

5. Er machte mehr als tausend Erfindungen.