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Who Invented the Telephone?

Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|----------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. add up to | <u>E</u> | A. unable to hear (or hear well) |
| 2. talented | _____ | B. to cause something or someone to change |
| 3. deaf | _____ | C. to exchange information |
| 4. affect | _____ | D. a scientific test to learn new information |
| 5. province | _____ | E. a final number or amount (after counting something) |
| 6. experiment | _____ | F. to give attention to only one person or thing |
| 7. communicate | _____ | G. an area of land in some countries (like Canada) |
| 8. focus on | _____ | H. having a natural ability to do something well |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Change the forms of verbs and nouns when necessary.

1. Ontario is a large province in Eastern Canada.
2. Could you please turn down the music? I have to _____ my work.
3. The total population of the United States _____ over 330 million.
4. My cousin is very _____. She can sing, dance and write poetry.
5. Does gray, cloudy weather _____ your mood?
6. Some scientists are looking for ways to _____ with aliens.
7. Helen Keller was _____. She couldn't hear anything.
8. Our science teacher asked us to do an _____ in class.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. _____
2. _____

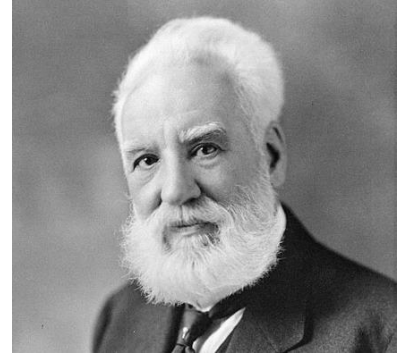
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Topics: Telephones / Famous People

Who Invented the Telephone?



Did you know that there are more telephones in the world than there are people? Cell phones alone **add up to**¹ more than 6 billion! It's hard to imagine a world without the telephone, and the person we have to thank for the telephone is Alexander Graham Bell, who invented it in 1876. Alexander was born on March 3, 1847 in Edinburgh, Scotland. As a young boy, he was very **talented**² in music, poetry and art, and when he was only 12 years old, he began inventing things. Also, when he was 12, his mother began to lose her hearing and was later to become completely **deaf**³. This greatly **affected**⁴ Alexander, who became very interested in the scientific study of sound and the human voice. In 1870, at the age of 23, Alexander moved to Canada with his parents where they bought a farm in the **province**⁵ of Ontario. It was there that he built a small workshop to continue his **experiments**⁶ in sound. In 1871, Alexander moved to Boston, in the United States, to teach deaf students, people who could not hear, how to **communicate**⁷. One of his students was Helen Keller who was unable to see, hear or speak. Starting from 1873, he began to teach less and **focus on**⁸ experiments with sound. On March 10, 1876, while working on his invention, Mr. Bell spoke the first words ever into a telephone: "Mr. Watson, come here, I want to see you," when he had a small accident in his laboratory. The first telephone, a machine that was able to carry the human voice over long distances, had been invented. By 1886, more than 150,000 people in the United States owned one, and our world would never be the same again. Alexander Graham Bell died in Canada in 1922.

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Grammar Practice

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1.

- (A) is
- (B) has
- (C) have
- (D) are

2.

- (A) It's
- (B) It
- (C) Its
- (D) Its'

3.

- (A) having
- (B) has
- (C) have
- (D) are having

4.

- (A) is
- (B) were
- (C) was
- (D) are

5.

- (A) begins
- (B) began
- (C) begin
- (D) beginning

6.

- (A) she's
- (B) hers
- (C) she
- (D) her

7.

- (A) to
- (B) at
- (C) for
- (D) on

8.

- (A) building
- (B) built
- (C) build
- (D) builds

9.

- (A) teaches
- (B) teach
- (C) taught
- (D) will teach

10.

- (A) To
- (B) In
- (C) At
- (D) On

11.

- (A) want
- (B) wants
- (C) wanted
- (D) wanting

12.

- (A) our
- (B) us
- (C) we
- (D) ours

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How Much Do You Understand?

- *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. _____ The article is mainly about how the phone was invented.
2. _____ There are more than 8 billion phones in the world.
3. _____ Alexander Graham Bell was born in Scotland.
4. _____ Mr. Bell invented the phone when he was only 12 years old.
5. _____ Mr. Watson was probably Mr. Bell's assistant (helper).
6. _____ The first phone was invented in 1873.

Discuss

- *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. How did Mr. Bell's family life as a child lead to the invention of the phone?
2. Do you enjoy talking on the phone? Why? / Why not?
3. Would it be easy for you to NOT use your phone for one whole week?
Why? / Why not?

Write

- *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

Lesson "Who Invented the Telephone?"

Grammar Focus Past Simple

Vocabulary 311 words

A1 words-69% / **A2** words-8% / **B1** words-9% / **B2** words-3%

AWL Words in this text: *affected, communicate, focus*

Vocabulary Analysis by: *vocabkitchen.com*

Level Intermediate to Upper Intermediate (CEFR B1 – CEFR B2)

ANSWER KEY Page 1

● Vocabulary

- | | |
|------|-----------------------|
| 1. E | 1. province |
| 2. H | 2. focus on |
| 3. A | 3. add <u>s</u> up to |
| 4. B | 4. talented |
| 5. G | 5. affect |
| 6. H | 6. communicate |
| 7. G | 7. deaf |
| 8. B | 8. experiment |

ANSWER KEY Page 3

● Grammar-in-Context

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1. D (are) | 7. A (to) |
| 2. A (It's) | 8. B (built) |
| 3. C (have) | 9. B (teach) |
| 4. C (was) | 10. D (On) |
| 5. B (began) | 11. A (want) |
| 6. D (her) | 12. A (our) |

ANSWER KEY Page 4

● How Much Do You Understand?

1. FALSE (The article is mainly about a person, the inventor of the telephone.)
2. FALSE (The article says there are more than six billion telephones in the world.)
3. TRUE
4. FALSE (Mr. Bell invented the phone later in life, when he was about 30 years old.)
5. TRUE
6. FALSE

