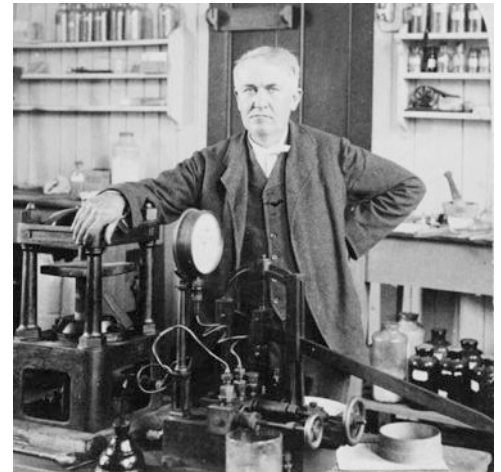


Thomas A. Edison was born in Ohio in 1847. He was the greatest inventor of all time. He made more than a thousand inventions. Many of his inventions used the new and amazing power of electricity.

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.

lamb is pronounced	<i>lam</i>
bomb	<i>bom</i>
thumb	<i>thum</i>
comb	<i>com</i>

invention: creation
amazing: astonishing

set up: found
record player: gramophone

lamb: young sheep
bulb: electric light

Change into the passive:

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.

Roger Federer won the Australian Open.

Ken Follett wrote several best-selling novels.