

# Thomas Edison

## Fact Cards

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Edison was the inventor of the electric lightbulb.



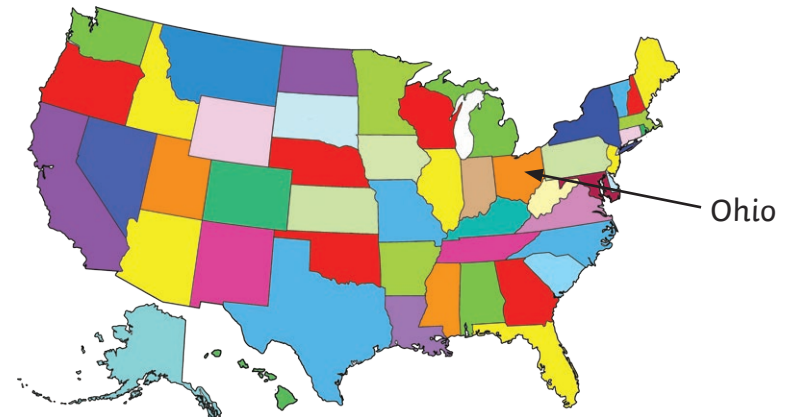
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In 1877, Edison invented the phonograph, which was a machine that could record sounds and play sounds. This was his first invention.



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Edison was born on 11th February, 1847 in Ohio, United States.



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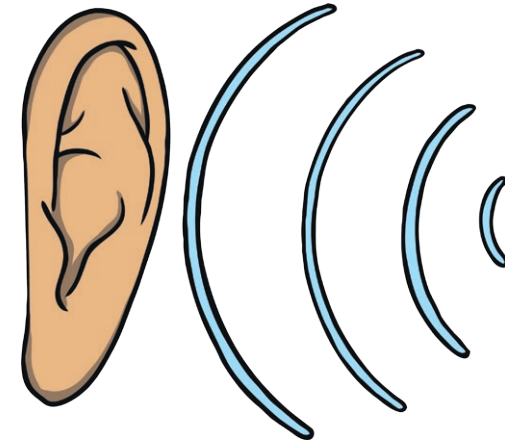
Edison was the youngest of 7 children.



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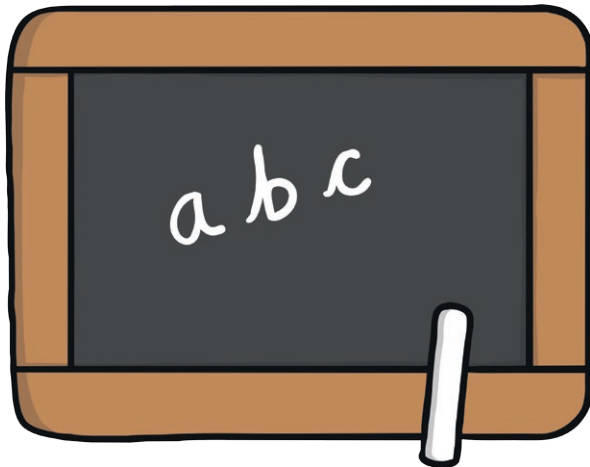
As a child, Edison had hearing problems after falling ill with scarlet fever.



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Edison was taught at home by his mother.



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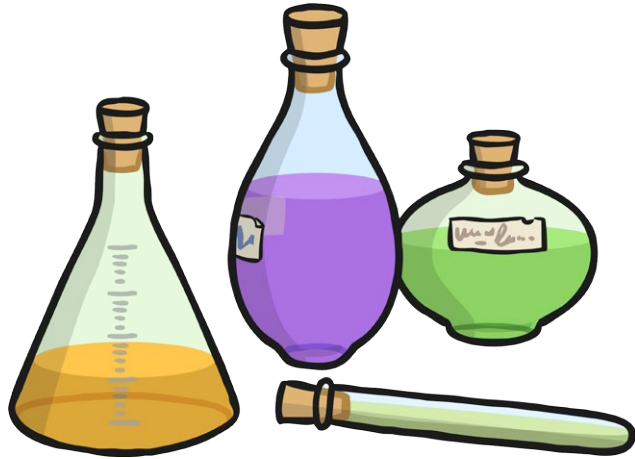
Edison sold newspapers on trains as a teenager. Later, he became a businessman with 4 people working for him.



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Edison studied chemical experiments.



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Edison became a telegraph operator. This meant he operated the early telephone switchboard.



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The first lightbulb Edison invented could stay alight for  $13\frac{1}{2}$  hours!



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Edison showed people the electric lightbulb in Menlo Park in 1879.



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Edison died on 18th October 1931, aged 84 years old.

