

The Best Preparation for Building Academic Reading Skills and Vocabulary

The Reading Key series is designed to help students to understand American school textbooks and to develop background knowledge in a wide variety of academic topics. This series also provides learners with the opportunity to enhance their reading comprehension skills and vocabulary, which will assist them when they take various English exams.

Reading Key <Volume 1-3> is
a three-book series designed for beginner to intermediate learners.

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a three-book series designed for intermediate to high-intermediate learners.

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Features

- A wide variety of topics that cover American school subjects helps learners expand their knowledge of academic topics through interdisciplinary studies
- Intensive practice for reading skill development helps learners prepare for various English exams
- Building vocabulary by school subjects and themed texts helps learners expand their vocabulary and reading skills in each subject
- Graphic organizers for each passage show the structure of the passage and help to build summary skills
- Captivating pictures and illustrations related to the topics help learners gain a broader understanding of the topics and key concepts





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Syllabus Vol. 3

Subject	Topic & Area	Title
Social Studies ★ History and Geography	Technology Technology Government Government World Geography World Geography World Geography World Geography Culture Culture American History American History	How Transportation Has Changed Inventors and Inventions Choosing Our Leaders Presidents' Day in February Countries Have Neighbors The Amazon Rain Forest Protecting the Earth The World's Endangered Animals World Religions Religious Holidays Early Travelers to America The Pilgrims and Thanksgiving
Science	Our Earth Our Earth The Solar System The Solar System Electricity and Energy Electricity and Energy Motion and Energy Motion and Energy Sound Sound The Human Body The Human Body	Inside the Earth Earthquakes and Volcanoes Why Does the Moon Seem to Change? The First Man on the Moon Electricity Conserving Electricity Motion and Forces Magnets What Is Sound? Sounds and Safety The Organs of the Human Body The Five Senses
Mathematics	Numbers and Operations Numbers and Operations Multiplication and Division Multiplication and Division	Word Problems Place Value Multiplication and Division Skip Counting Equal Groups
Language and Literature	Myths Myths Language Arts Language Arts	What Are Myths? Prometheus Brings Fire Nouns Some Common Sayings
Visual Arts	Visual Arts Visual Arts	Realistic Art and Abstract Art Picasso and His Work
Music	A World of Music A World of Music	Many Kinds of Music Modern Music

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- **Social Studies**
- **History and Geography**

How Transportation Has Changed



Key Words

- technology
- transportation
- travel
- wagon
- nowadays
- subway
- airplane
- goods
- at one time

New technology changes the way people live.

Technology is using science to make things faster or better.

Let's learn how transportation has changed thanks to technology.

In the past, it took days to travel by horse and wagon.

Nowadays, people travel faster and easier in many ways.

We drive cars, trucks, and buses.

We ride on trains and subways.

We sail on ships and even fly on airplanes.

Many kinds of transportation are also used to carry goods.

A truck can carry goods all over the country.

A train can carry a lot of goods at one time.

An airplane and ship can take goods around the world.

Transportation moves people and goods from one place to another.

Thanks to new technology, transportation is changing quickly and safely.

 **How Travel Has Changed**



wagon



bicycle



old model T car



car of today



the early Wright Brother's plane

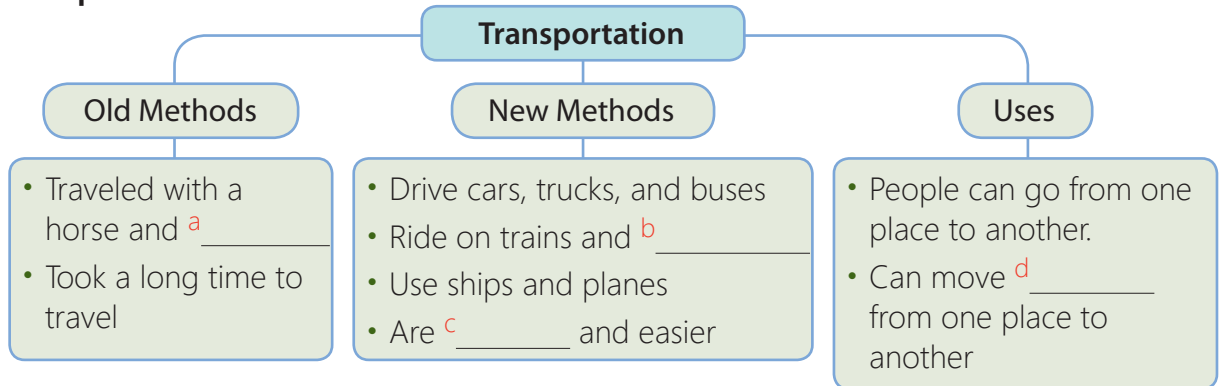


airplane of today

Main Idea and Details


- 1 What is the passage mainly about?
 - a. Transporting moves goods from one place to another.
 - b. It's the best way for people to travel nowadays.
 - c. Some ways traveling and transportation have changed.
- 2 People can _____ in the air on airplanes.
 - a. sail
 - b. fly
 - c. ride
- 3 Which method of transportation did people use in the past?
 - a. Airplanes.
 - b. Automobiles.
 - c. Horses and wagons.
- 4 Complete the sentences.
 - a. _____ has made many changes in transportation.
 - b. People can ride on _____ and subways today.
 - c. Many forms of _____ carry goods to different places.


5 Complete the outline.

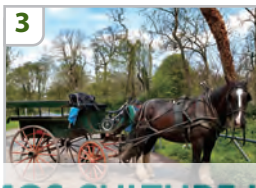



Vocabulary Builder

Write the correct words and the meanings in Chinese.

1  ▶ things for sale; products carried by trains, trucks, etc.

2  ▶ a way of moving people or goods from place to place

3  ▶ a vehicle with four wheels that is usually pulled by horses

4  ▶ a vehicle with wings and one or more engines that flies through the air

Inventors and Inventions



Key Words

- inventor
- invention
- communicate
- laboratory
- invent
- phonograph
- motion picture camera
- light bulb
- be fascinated by
- sound
- electric wire

Many people like creating new things.

We call these people inventors.

And we call the new things they create inventions.

Some inventors have changed our world very much.

Some inventions have changed the way people communicate.

This is especially true for two men.

They are Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell.

Thomas Edison was a famous inventor.

He worked hard in his laboratory every day.

He invented hundreds of electric things.

These included the phonograph and a motion picture camera.

Edison also invented the light bulb we use today.

Thanks to Edison, people could light their own homes.

Alexander Graham Bell was **fascinated** by sound and how it moved.

So he invented the telephone.

This let people talk to each other through electric wires.

Today, millions of people around the world use telephones to talk to people miles away. And it is all because of Alexander Graham Bell.

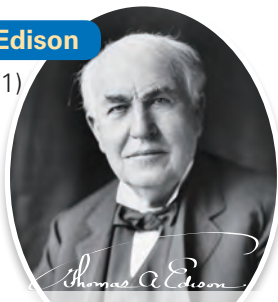
motion picture camera



Two Great Inventors

Thomas Edison

(1847–1931)



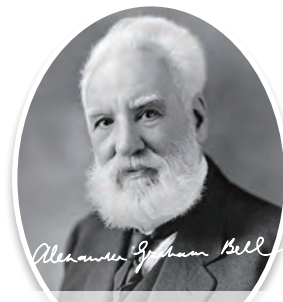
light bulb



phonograph

Alexander Graham Bell

(1847–1922)



Bell's "box telephone"

Main Idea and Details

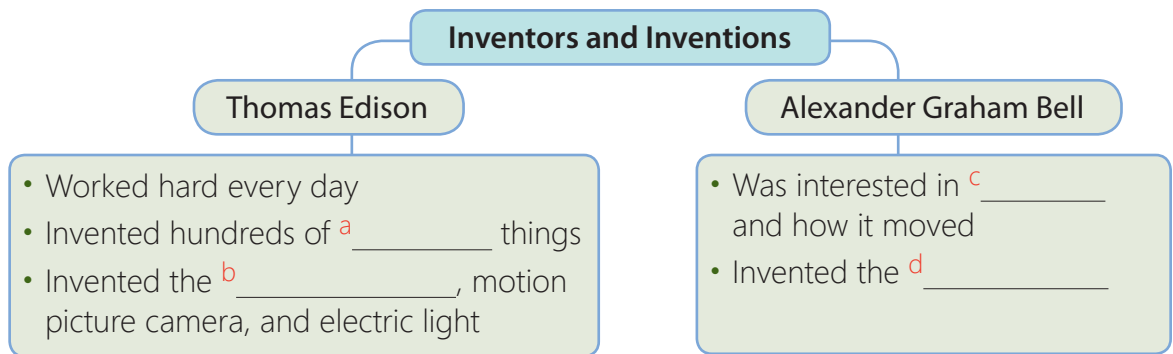
- 1 What is the main idea of the passage?
 - a. Some people like to try to invent new things.
 - b. The telephone lets people talk to others around the world.
 - c. Edison and Bell changed the world with their inventions.

- 2 What did Thomas Edison invent?
 - a. The telephone.
 - b. The electric light.
 - c. The stereo.

- 3 What does **fascinated** mean?
 - a. Attracted.
 - b. Surprised.
 - c. Bored.

- 4 According to the passage, which statement is true?
 - a. Bell had more inventions than Edison did.
 - b. Thomas Edison made hundreds of inventions.
 - c. Alexander Graham Bell invented a motion picture camera.

- 5 Complete the outline.





Vocabulary Builder

Write the correct words and the meanings in Chinese.

1  ▶ something that is made or designed for the first time

2  ▶ a camera used to make rapid exposure of moving objects

3  ▶ a building or a room where a scientist does special tests and research

4  ▶ the glass object in a lamp that produces light
