

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.

- **Reading Key <Basic 1–4>** is a four-book series designed for beginning learners.
- **Reading Key <Volume 1–3>** is a three-book series designed for beginner to intermediate learners.
- **Reading Key <Volume 4–6>** is 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
- Intensive practice for reading skill development
- Building vocabulary through school subjects and themed texts
- Graphic organizers for each passage
- Captivating pictures and illustrations related to the topics

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Subject	Topic & Area	Title
Social Studies ★ History and Geography	Technology Technology Geography Geography	Thanks, Thomas Edison The First Man into Space Storms Tornadoes and Hurricanes
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Unit

01

Thanks, Thomas Edison



Reading Focus

- What is an inventor?
- What does an inventor do?
- How do inventors help us?





Key Words

Famous Inventions



light bulb



phonograph



motion picture camera



telephone



airplane

Famous Inventors



Thomas Edison



Alexander Graham Bell



Orville and Wilbur Wright
(the Wright brothers)

Power Verbs



turn on

Turn **on** the light.



turn off

Turn **off** the light.



be born

He **was born** in America.



grow up

He **grew up** in the country.



invent

He **invented** the light bulb.

Word Families: Adjectives for Invention

Inventor



curious

a **curious** boy



famous

a **famous** inventor

Invention



fast

a **fast** airplane



convenient

a **convenient** telephone

01 Thanks, Thomas Edison



We turn on a light when it's dark.
Do you know who made the electric light?
It was Thomas Edison.



▲ Thomas Edison was a famous inventor.

Thomas Edison was a famous inventor.
He was born in 1847 in America.
He was a very curious boy.
He always asked questions. "Why?" "Why is that?"
When he grew up, he became an inventor.

An inventor makes new things.
We call these new things inventions.



▲ An inventor makes new things.

Thomas Edison made many inventions.

He invented the electric light bulb.
Thanks to electric lights, we can see at night.

He invented the phonograph.
Thanks to him, we can listen to music with a stereo.

He invented the motion picture camera.
Thanks to him, we can see movies.



▲ Thanks to electric lights, we can see at night.

Thomas Edison also invented many other things.
He made more than 1,000 inventions!
His inventions made our lives more convenient.

There are many other inventions in the world.
Inventions make our work easier and faster.
Do you know some of them?

- The telephone and computer make our work easier and faster.



Check Understanding

1 Which type of invention does each picture show?



2 What question did Thomas Edison always ask?

- a** Where? **b** Why? **c** Who?

3 How does the electric light help us?

- a** We can see at night. **b** We can listen to music.
c We can see movies.

4 Thomas Edison invented the _____ so we can listen to music with a stereo.

- a** light bulb **b** phonograph
c motion picture camera

• Answer the questions below.

1 What does an inventor do?

⇒ An inventor makes _____.

2 How did Thomas Edison's inventions help our lives?

⇒ His inventions made our lives _____.



A Look, Read, and Write.

Look at the pictures. Write the correct words.



invented

turn on

born

stereo



1

▶ Please _____ the light.



2

▶ Edison was _____ in America.



3

▶ Edison _____ the light bulb.



4

▶ We can listen to music with a _____.

B Curious or Convenient?

Draw a circle around the right words and then write the words.



1



2



3



4

1 Thomas Edison was very _____.
curious convenient

2 Inventions make our lives more _____.
curious convenient

3 Inventions make our work _____.
easier harder

4 Airplanes help people move _____.
slower faster



Unit

02

The First Man Into Space



Reading Focus

- What is an astronaut?
- What do astronauts do?
- Who was the first person in space?



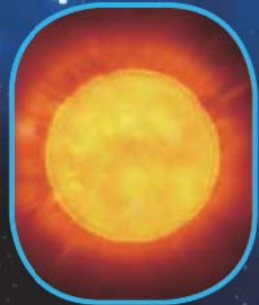
Key Words



space



moon



sun



star

astronaut



spacesuit



space tourist

rocket



space shuttle

space station





Power Verbs



travel into

Astronauts **travel into** space.



explore

Astronauts **explore** the moon.



go into

A rocket **goes into** space.



lift off

A space shuttle **lifts off**.



protect

Spacesuits **protect** astronauts.



travel around

He **traveled around** Earth.



Word Families: The First Human in Space



Yuri Gagarin

The First
Into Space



Neil Armstrong

02 The First Man Into Space



Do you like traveling to new places?
Where would you like to go?
How about traveling into space?



Some people travel into space.
They are astronauts.
Astronauts explore space and learn about it.



▲ Astronauts explore space and learn about it.

Who was the first human in space?
It was Yuri Gagarin, a Russian astronaut.
He went into space for the first time in 1961.

This is the Kennedy Space Center.
It is in Florida in the USA.
Many astronauts go into space
from the Kennedy Space Center.
Space shuttles lift off from the center.



▲ Kennedy Space Center

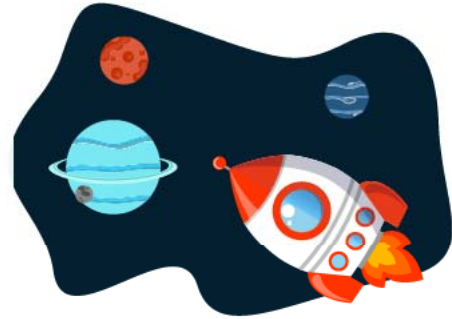
Astronauts wear spacesuits.
Their spacesuits protect them in space.

In 1969, American astronauts went to
the moon for the first time.
Neil Armstrong was the first person
to walk on the moon.



▲ Neil Armstrong was the first person to walk on the moon.

Sally Ride was the first American woman in space.
 Mae Jemison was the first African-American woman in space.
 Dennis Tito was the first space tourist.
 He traveled around Earth in 2001.



Check Understanding

1 What does each picture show?



2 Where do astronauts explore?

- a** space center **b** space **c** spacesuits

3 What do astronauts wear?

- a** spacesuits **b** space centers **c** space shuttles

4 The first person to walk on the moon was _____.

- a** Neil Armstrong **b** Yuri Gagarin **c** Sally Ride

• Answer the questions below.

1 Who was the first human in space?

⇒ _____ was the first human in space.

2 Where is the Kennedy Space Center?

⇒ It is in _____ in the _____.

Vocabulary and Grammar Builder



A Look, Read, and Write.

Look at the pictures. Write the correct words.



spacesuits

space shuttle

astronauts

explored



_____ wear spacesuits.



_____ protect astronauts in space.



Neil Armstrong _____ the moon in 1969.



A _____ lifts off.

B On or Off?

Draw a circle around the right words and then write the words.



1 Astronauts travel _____ space.
on into



2 Space shuttles lift _____ from the Kennedy Space Center.
on off



3 American astronauts went to the moon _____ the first time in 1969.
for to



4 The first space tourist traveled _____ Earth in 2001.
off around

