

Gap fills exercise

Fill in the blanks.

1. Edison always to make things that would improve the lives of people.

want

had wanted

wanted

has wanted

2. One day while selling newspapers at a railway station, Edison the life of a child.

was saving

saved

saves

3. That child the son of a station official.

is

was

were

has

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4. To express his gratitude, the child's father Edison how to use the telegraph.

- has taught
- taught
- was taught
- had taught

5. When Edison was sixteen, he to Canada to be a telegraph assistant.

- moved
- moves
- was moving
- has moved

6. His first invention was an automatic telegraph that made it possible for him to send signals while he

- slept
- was sleeping
- had been sleeping

7. The telegraph always Edison.

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fascinates

fascinated

has fascinated

8. A few years later, he his first job to be a full time inventor.

quit

was quitting

had quit

has quit

9. His first attempts at selling his products were not successful, but he give up.

does not

did not

had not

Answers

1. Edison always wanted to make things that would improve the lives of people.
2. One day while selling newspapers at a railway station, Edison saved the life of a child.
3. He was the son of a station official.

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4. To express his gratitude, the child's father taught Edison how to use the telegraph.
5. When Edison was sixteen, he moved to Canada to be a telegraph assistant.
6. His first invention was an automatic telegraph that made it possible for him to send signals while he was sleeping.
7. The telegraph always fascinated Edison.
8. A few years later, he quit his first job to be a full time inventor.
9. His first attempts at selling his products were not successful, but he did not give up.