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Edison's Best Invention

► Read "Edison's Best Invention" and answer each question.

- 1 How did the phonograph change the world?
 - Ⓐ It was the first machine that could give off light inside of a room.
 - Ⓑ It made it possible to take pictures and look at them later.
 - Ⓒ It made it possible to record sound and play it back.
 - Ⓓ It was the first machine that could make movies.

- 2 The author describes three of Edison's inventions as popular. What does the word popular mean as it is used in the passage?
 - Ⓐ new
 - Ⓑ smart
 - Ⓒ well-liked
 - Ⓓ out-of-date

- 3 According to the table and the passage, TV and movie cameras were inspired by
 - Ⓐ kinetographs.
 - Ⓑ phonographs.
 - Ⓒ jukeboxes.
 - Ⓓ light bulbs.

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- 4 Why did the author write this passage?
- Ⓐ to explain how the kinetograph works
 - Ⓑ to share information about Edison's childhood
 - Ⓒ to tell the reader how the phonograph led to today's digital music
 - Ⓓ to make the reader think that the light bulb was Edison's most important invention
- 5 Based on information in the passage, which statement would the author most likely make?
- Ⓐ Fewer people enjoyed concerts after Edison invented the phonograph.
 - Ⓑ Today's world would not be the same without Edison's inventions.
 - Ⓒ Few inventions have helped to make the world a better place.
 - Ⓓ Flashlights did not change the way people lived their daily lives.