

THE INVENTION OF THE TELEPHONE



CODE 202

Fertigkeit	Hören
Relevante(r) Deskriptor(en)	Deskriptor 5: Kann einfachen Interviews, Berichten, Hörspielen und Sketches zu vertrauten Themen folgen. (B1)
Themenbereich(e)	Kultur, Medien und Literatur Interkulturelle und landeskundliche Aspekte
Zeitbedarf	8 Minuten (Vorbereitung, zweimaliges Vorspielen, Bearbeitung)
Länge des Hörtexts	2:41 Minuten
Material- und Medienbedarf	Abspielmöglichkeit für Hörtext Schreibmaterial
Besondere Bemerkungen, Hinweise zur Durchführung	Die Schülerinnen und Schüler sollen vor dem Hören eine Minute Zeit bekommen, um sich die Aufgabenstellung anzusehen. Geben Sie den Schülerinnen und Schülern zwei Minuten Vorbereitungszeit zum Studium der Angaben. Machen Sie zwischen dem ersten und zweiten Vorspielen eine Pause von einer Minute.
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TAPE SCRIPT

The Invention of the Telephone

Alexander Graham Bell was the inventor of the telephone. He was born on March 3, 1847 in Edinburgh. Because his health was not very good, he moved to Canada with his father in 1870. Two years later he went to Boston, where he set up a school to train teachers of the deaf. While he was working on a machine to make the deaf hear, he had an idea which led to the invention of the telephone.

At that time several people were working on the same invention. He had to be quick if he wanted to be the first person to invent the telephone. In fact, only two hours after Bell had registered his invention with the United States Patent Office, Eliska Gray of Chicago registered almost the same invention. The great telephone war was on!

Bell and his assistant, Watson, worked day and night to get their telephone to work. On the afternoon of March 10, 1876, Watson was in the cellar. He held the receiver to his ear and suddenly he heard words, real words. "Mr. Watson, come here, please, I want you." This was the sentence he clearly heard. He dropped the receiver and ran upstairs to Bell's room shouting "I heard you; I could hear what you said!"

Thus the telephone had been invented. This was the invention that would change the world. Years after Bell's invention there is a story of a woman whom he met at a party. When she was introduced to him, she said, "I am pleased to meet you but I wish you had never been born." Bell smiled and said, "I understand. I never use the thing myself." Although he had invented the telephone, Bell hated it. He hardly ever used it. In fact, he put paper behind the telephone bell so that it would not interrupt his work.



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You will hear the story about Alexander Graham Bell and his invention of the telephone. Read the sentences below carefully, then listen and do the task.

You will hear the interview twice!

 **Tick (✓) the statements true or false.**

	true	false
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(2) He moved to Canada because of his health.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) He invented a machine which could make <u>the deaf</u> ¹ hear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) He was not the only one who was working on the invention of the telephone.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5) Watson invented the telephone on March 10, 1786.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(6) Of course, all the people were pleased with this great invention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(7) Although he had invented it, Bell hated the telephone and hardly ever used it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Vocabulary:

1 - the deaf – *taube Menschen*

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