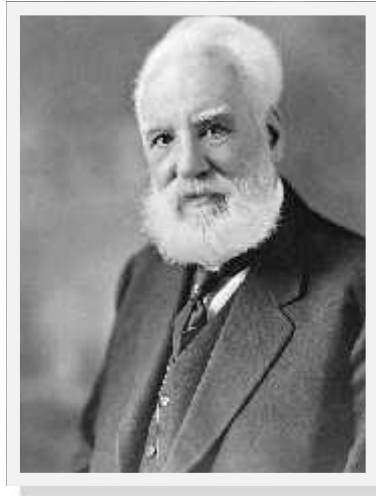




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Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone. Bell was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on March 3, 1847. Both his father and grandfather were experts on how people speak. After graduating from college, Bell worked with his father. He taught deaf people how to speak and studied the sounds people make when they talk.

In 1870, Bell and his family moved to Brantford, Ontario. In 1871, he moved to Boston to teach at the first-ever school for the deaf. In 1873, he became a professor at Boston University. There, he taught deaf people and encouraged others to become teachers of the deaf.

From 1873 to 1876, Bell developed several devices for sending sounds through electric wires. One of these was an early form of the telephone. Bell thought up the idea for the telephone and Thomas Watson built it. On June 2, 1875 Bell and Watson sent and received a musical note.

On March 7, 1876, Bell was granted a patent for the telephone. The first sentence, "Watson, come here. I want you." was sent three days later. Bell showed his new invention at a scientific convention in May 1876 and at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in June. It caused great excitement. In October 1876, Bell talked to Watson on the device and Watson answered him.

In 1877, a telephone was put into a private home, a long-distance conversation was carried over telegraph wires, and the Bell Telephone Company was formed. Bell also demonstrated the telephone in England and France.

In 1884, Bell Telephone built the first long-distance line. Soon, others were built and put into service. For many years, other people said the idea for a telephone was theirs, but the courts and many scientists and researchers supported Bell's work. His invention led to the invention of many other types of communication devices.

Bell also invented the gramophone record player and experimented in many other areas, including sheep breeding and aviation. He died in 1922.

1. What did Alexander Graham Bell invent?

- a. He invented the radio.
- b. He invented the CD.
- c. He invented the television.
- d. He invented the telephone.

2. Where is Alexander from?

- a. He was from Boston.
- b. He was from Scotland.
- c. He was from Ontario.
- d. He was from New York.

3. When did he become a professor at Boston University?

- a. in 1871
- b. in 1873
- c. in 1870
- d. in 1976

4. Who built the first telephone?

- a. Alexander built it.
- b. Thomas Watson built it.
- c. His mother built it.
- d. His father built it.

5. What message was sent in March 1876?

- a. The message was "Watson, come here. I need you."
- b. The message was "Watson, come over, I want you."
- c. The message was "Watson, come here. I want you."
- d. The message was "Watson, get over here. I need you."

6. When were telephones put into private homes?

- a. in 1877
- b. in 1787
- c. in 1884
- d. in 1876

7. What was the name of Alexander Graham Bell's company?

- a. The name was Alexander company.
- b. The name was Graham company.
- c. The name was Bell Telephone Company.
- d. The name was Bell Industries.

8. When did Alexander Graham Bell die?

- a. He died in 1922.
- b. He died in 1992.
- c. He died in 1229.
- d. He died in 1776.