

Vocabulary Connections Resources

Important Words to Know and Understand in Inventing the Future: A Photobiography of Thomas Alva Edison Word List

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Filament (page 36)
A thin wire in a light bulb that glows when electricity passes through it

Invention (page 8)
A useful new device or process

Kinetograph (page 44)
An early movie camera

Kinetoscope (page 44)
Peep-hole viewing machine for watching movies

Machinist (page 25)
A person who makes, repairs, or operates machine

Patent (page 21)
An official document that gives a person or company the right to be the only one that makes or sells a product for a certain period of time

Phonograph (page 32)
A device that plays back recorded sound

Synthetic (page 55)
Made by combining different substances; not natural

Telegraph (page 11)
An old-fashioned system of sending messages over long distances by using wires and electrical signal

Transmitter (page 28)
A device that sends out radio or television signals

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Filament is a/an noun verb adverb adjective	Invention is a/an noun verb adverb adjective	Kinetograph is a/an noun verb adverb adjective
Definition of Filament :	Definition of Invention :	Definition of Kinetograph :
Filament looks like this:	Invention looks like this:	Kinetograph looks like this:
Filament reminds me of:	Invention reminds me of:	Kinetograph reminds me of:

I saw this word in _____

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Word Games with Words from Inventing the Future: A Photobiography of Thomas Alva Edison

Directions: Use the clues to decide which vocabulary word goes in the crossword puzzle below.

Across:

2. A person who makes, repairs, or operates machine
4. An early movie camera
5. An old-fashioned system of sending messages over long distances by using wires and electrical signal

Down:

1. A device that plays back recorded sound
3. Peep-hole viewing machine for watching movies

Directions: Write a sentence using one of the vocabulary words from the word bank above.

Name: _____

Answer Key:

Across: kinetograph, kinetoscope, telegraph, phonograph, invention

Down: machinist, telegraph, phonograph, invention

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A new word that I learned in this book is: _____
It means: _____

Name: _____

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Directions:

1. Write a word from your reading that is new to you in the first column.
2. Read the sentence before and after the sentence where the word appears. Write what you think the word means in the second column.
3. Explain why you think your definition makes sense based on the context clues in the text.
4. Write the dictionary definition.
5. Place a check mark in the last column if the dictionary definition matches what you thought the word meant.

Word	What I Think the Word Means	Context Clues	Real Definition	✓

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