

Take a Closer Look

- What does *deaf* mean? Circle the definition.
- Draw a box around three things that Alexander invented.

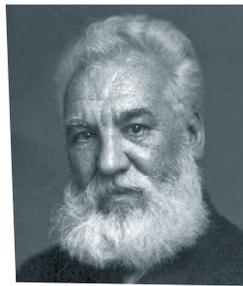
Alexander Graham Bell helped all people talk and listen to one another.



- What is something you can do to be a good listener?



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Alexander Graham Bell

Listen to everyone.



Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in Massachusetts.



Massachusetts is in the northeast United States.

A Caring Son

Alexander Graham Bell was born in Scotland in 1847. When he was a boy, he liked music. He also liked making things and taking them apart. Alexander loved his mother very much. She was mostly *deaf*. She could not hear well. Alexander would speak very close to her. She could feel the vibrations of his words. This helped her hear.

Teacher and Inventor

Alexander grew up. He moved to Boston. He was a teacher of deaf people. He

Amazing Fact!

Early telephones were big! They had a part for speaking into and a separate part for listening.



This photograph shows Alexander making the first long-distance phone call from New York to Chicago in 1892.

wanted to help them communicate. Alexander was curious about sound. He would teach deaf students during the day. He would do experiments at night. Alexander wanted to know how to move sound on wires. His experiments led to an invention: the telephone.



This photograph was taken in 1885. It is of Alexander Graham Bell, his wife, and two children.

Always Inventing

Alexander got married. His wife was deaf. Alexander kept studying sound. He wanted to make things to help deaf people. Alexander made many different inventions along the way. He made a wireless telephone and a metal detector. Alexander was always curious, helpful, and inventive.