

# Comprehension Quickies

## READING LEVEL 5

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# INTRODUCTION

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Reading, comprehension, vocabulary, and writing skills are emphasized in *Comprehension Quickies*. Short, thought-provoking paragraphs require students to pay attention to details, understand content, know word definitions, and draw conclusions in order to write complete-sentence answers to pertinent questions.

The *Comprehension Quickies* is designed for use in grades 4-8. Readability is on the 3rd-grade reading level. The Flesch-Kincaid Readability Scale was used to ensure that all stories are the desired reading level (RL).

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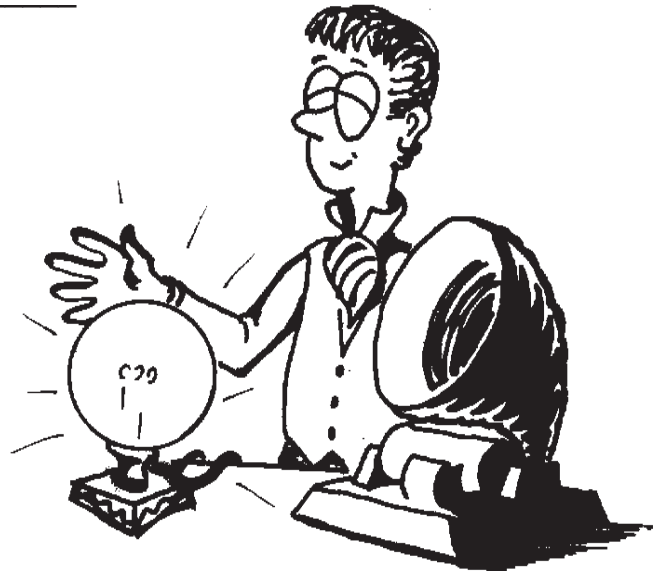
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## A Glow in the Night

The world's first lightbulb glowed all through the night of October 28, 1879. It was invented by Thomas Edison. He also made the first talking pictures. His favorite invention was the phonograph.



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**Answer each question with a complete sentence.**

1. What date is important in this story?

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2. What happened on that night?

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3. What word means "made or created"?

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4. Who made the lightbulb?

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5. What kind of pictures did Edison make?

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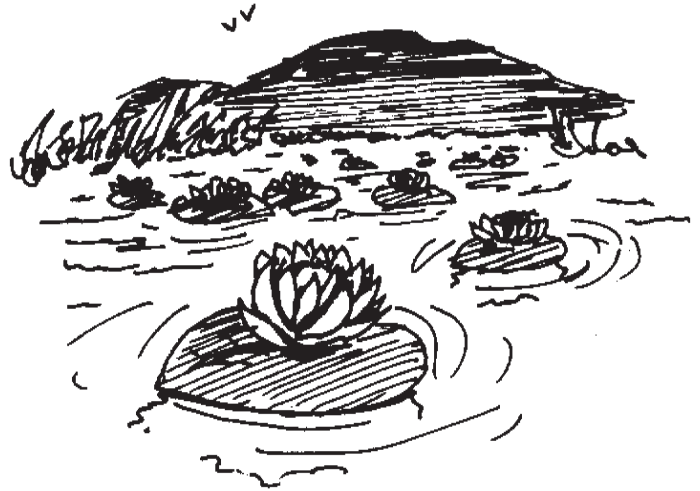
6. What invention did Edison like best of all?

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# Lilies of the Pond

Water lilies love to grow in ponds. These sweet-smelling flowers float across the surface of the water on leaves. They cool the water and prevent oxygen from escaping, making the pond a perfect home for fish.



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**Answer each question with a complete sentence.**

1. What kind of lilies is this story about?

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2. Where do these lilies grow?

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3. What kind of flowers do they have?

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4. Where do the flowers float?

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5. What do the flowers do to the water's temperature?

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6. What does not escape?

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7. What else lives in the pond?

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## The World's Wettest Weather

One of the world's wettest spots is an island in Hawaii. Nearly 500 inches of rain fall in Hawaii in one year. Most places receive only 40 inches of rain every year. In deserts, only 6 to 7 inches of rain fall every year.



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**Answer each question with a complete sentence.**

1. Where is the island in this story?

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2. What stands out about this island?

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3. How long does it take for 500 inches of rain to fall there?

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4. How much rain do most places receive in a year?

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5. What places are very dry?

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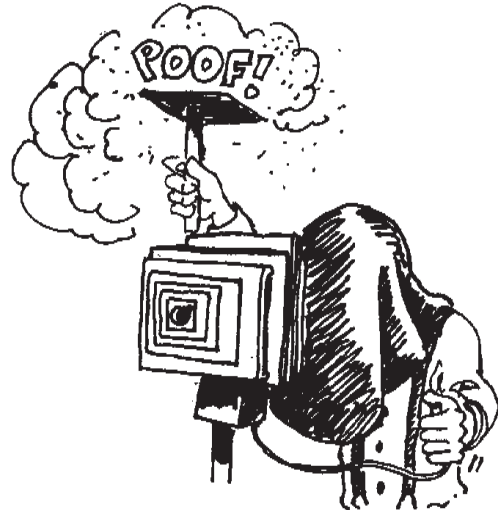
6. How much rain do these dry places receive in a year?

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## The Growth of Photos

The first photograph took eight hours to shoot. The picture showed a black-and-white outdoor view from a balcony. In 1888, the Kodak company made a camera that everyone could afford. Color film wasn't introduced until 1935.



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**Answer each question with a complete sentence.**

1. What took eight hours to shoot?

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2. Where was the photo shot?

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3. What did the photo show?

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4. Who made a camera in 1888?

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5. What was different about this camera?

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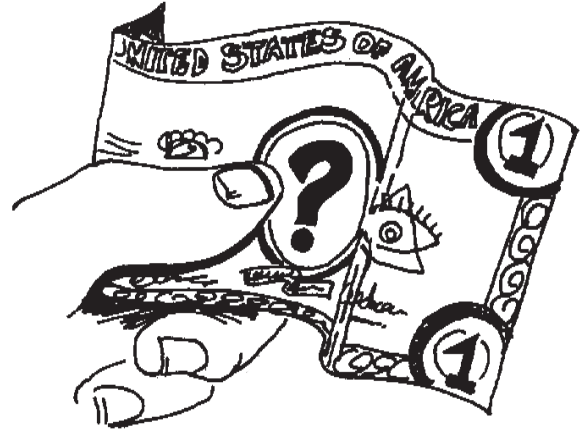
6. What was introduced in 1935?

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## Famous Faces

The faces of the United States Presidents are printed on American money. Lincoln looks to the right on a copper penny. Franklin Roosevelt can be found on a dime. Washington appears on a quarter. Whose face is on a dollar bill?



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**Answer each question with a complete sentence.**

1. Whose faces are printed on American money?

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2. Where does Lincoln look?

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3. What coin carries Lincoln's face?

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4. From what is Lincoln's coin made?

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5. Who can be found on a dime?

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6. Where can you see the face of Washington?

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7. Whose face is on a dollar bill?

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