

# I've Found 10,000 Ways...



A 'Let's Read Together!' Book



We were in our maths lesson at school. Robin was struggling with what Mr Philips had taught us and couldn't work out what to do. He said he couldn't do it so I tried to help.



Mr Philips showed us some posters in the classroom. One of them said 'I have not failed. I've found 10,000 ways that won't work. - Thomas Edison.'



Q1: What was Robin struggling with?

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Q2: How did Mr Philips try to help?

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We travelled into the past to find out what he meant. “You’ll have to sit down,” Thomas Edison said, as he told us his story. He was deaf but he didn’t give up learning. He always dreamed of being an inventor.



He saved a little boy from a train and the boy's father gave him his first job. He left that job and got another so he could do experiments during the day. One of his experiments went wrong but he still didn't give up.



Q3: What did Kit and Robin do?

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Q4: How did Thomas Edison get his first proper job?

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Thomas successfully invented the phonograph. After that, he started working on making a lightbulb. He managed to make one that stayed lit for thirteen and a half hours. Robin realised he should've kept trying with his maths. Thomas asked if we'd like to go on a trip with him.





We travelled to a lake to see an eclipse of the sun. As we walked along the shore, Kit found a piece of bamboo. We found out later that Thomas could've used this bamboo to improve his lightbulb and create the lightbulbs we have today!



Q3: What did Thomas Edison  
invent first?

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Q4: What did Kit find?

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Q5: What do you think Thomas Edison did when he went back to his lab?

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Q6: Would you like to be an inventor?  
Explain your answer.

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Robin was struggling in his maths lesson and Kit tried to help. Mr Philips showed them a quote from a famous American inventor, Thomas Edison. Discover what happens when they go into the past to find out more!

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