

17 READING PRACTICE



Inventing the telephone

The telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell. His first career involved teaching people how to use a system which his father had **21)** to help deaf people communicate. Because of this, Bell became more and more interested in all types of communication.

Bell wanted to **22)** it possible for people to talk to each other over **23)** distances. He realised that he had to turn sound into electricity and then back to sound again. It was a big engineering **24)**

In 1876, after several months of hard work on this problem, Bell and his assistant Thomas Watson **25)** it.



The first words ever spoken on the telephone were famous. Bell was working on their new invention in his laboratory when he accidentally **26)** dangerous liquid on his clothes. He called Watson and said, 'Come here, I want to see you!'

21) A thought B developed C done D reached

22) A create B have C get D make

23) A long B high C wide D far

24) A request B demand C challenge D method

25) A solved B answered C succeeded D found

26) A lost B kept C fell D spilt

