

Fun Bits 1

Dreams and Reality

Every child has their own dream job. However, when they grow up, most of them may end up doing something else. Let's read about the stories below.

Barack Obama



Barack Obama wrote in his homework that he wanted to be a president when he was studying in a primary school in Indonesia. He just didn't know that his dream would really come true almost 40 years later. He studied hard and gained a lot of political experience, eventually he became the 44th president of the United States of America in 2009.

Thomas Edison

The genius who invented the electric light bulb didn't perform well at school when he was a child so his mum taught him at home. He had a keen interest in world history and English literature. He was also fond of Shakespeare's plays and wanted to become an actor. However, he gave up the idea because of his high-pitched voice and shyness.



A Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) in each box.

1. Thomas Edison was smart in school.
2. George Lucas is a famous racing driver.
3. Barack Obama studied in Asia before.
4. Thomas Edison was too shy to perform in front of the audience.
5. George Lucas nearly died while filming *Star Wars*.
6. Barack Obama wanted to be a president when he was a child.

George Lucas



George Lucas, the creator of *Star Wars*, yearned to be a racing driver when he was small. He had a strong passion for cars and motor racing. He spent most of his high school years racing at fairgrounds and going to garages. In 1962, when he was just 18, he almost got killed in a severe car crash. He then turned to filmmaking as he realised it wasn't a good idea for him to continue as a racing driver.

B Draw lines to match the sentences to the words from the text.

1. The film was so boring that I _____ felt asleep.

2. John _____ to play in the world championships.

3. We call him a musical _____ because he can play five kinds of musical instruments.

4. Helen is _____ of magical and mysterious stories.

5. Sara's face goes red with _____ when she meets strangers.

STEAM Highlights

In which year was George Lucas born? (Find the answer from the text and check it on P.72.)

shyness

yearned

eventually

fond

genius