



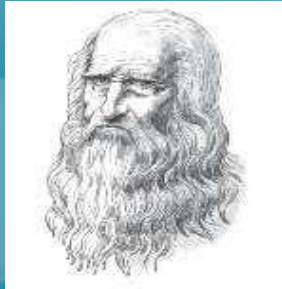
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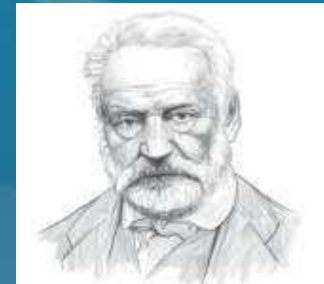
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The Life of Thomas Edison

- 1847 Thomas Alva Edison was born in Ohio, USA.
- 1859 When he was 12 years old, he worked on the railways. He sold food and drinks. A few years later, he produced a newspaper, the *Grand Trunk Herald*.
- 1862 The stationmaster's son was playing on the railway and Edison saved his life. The stationmaster taught him how to use the telegraph.
- 1863–1867 He travelled between cities. He worked as a telegraph operator on the Grand Trunk Railway in Ontario and for The Western Union Company. He moved to Louisville, Kentucky.
- 1868 He moved to Boston. He got a patent for the Electric Vote Recorder.
- 1869 He moved to New York. He got his first important job at Gold and Stock Telegraph Company. He started work as a businessman and inventor.
- 1870 He opened Newark Telegraph in New Jersey. He got a patent for the Universal Stock Ticker – a machine that printed telegraph messages.
- 1871 He married Mary Stilwell. They later had three children.
- 1874 He invented the electric pen and a copying machine.
- 1876 He opened the first industrial research laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey. In this laboratory, they did research on making things in factories.
- 1877 He invented the phonograph.
- 1879 He invented the light bulb.
- 1880 He started the Edison Illuminating Company.
- 1882 He helped to put 400 lights in the streets of Manhattan.
- 1883 He started the Edison & Swan United Electric Light Company.
- 1913 He invented a machine to add sound to films. A big fire destroyed 13 of Edison's buildings.
- 1915–1918 During the First World War, he worked on inventions to find submarines and guns.
- 1931 He died in his home in New Jersey. He was 84 years old.

| | CEF level | Word count | Headwords |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Level 1 elementary | A2 | 5,000-8,000 | approx 750 |
| Level 2 pre-intermediate | A2–B1 | 8,000-11,000 | approx 950 |
| Level 3 intermediate | B1 | 11,000-15,000 | approx 1,200 |
| Level 4 upper intermediate | B2 | 15,000-18,000 | approx 1,800 |

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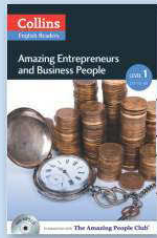
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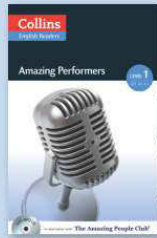
Level 1 elementary CEF: A2



William the Conqueror
Saladin
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Catherine the Great
Abraham Lincoln
Queen Victoria



Mayer Rothschild
Cornelius Vanderbilt
Will Kellogg
Elizabeth Arden
Walt Disney
Soichiro Honda



Glenn Miller
Perez Prado
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Luciano Pavarotti
John Lennon



Johannes Gutenberg
Louis Braille
Alexander Graham Bell
Thomas Edison
Guglielmo Marconi
John Logie Baird



Harriet Tubman
Emmeline Pankhurst
Maria Montessori
Hellen Keller
Nancy Wake
Eva Peron

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Abraham Lincoln
Soichiro Honda
Queen Victoria
Maria Montessori
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Ella Fitzgerald

Level 3 Intermediate CEF: B1



Marco Polo
Tom Sattula
Christopher Columbus
James Cook
David Livingstone
Yuri Gagarin



Alfred Nobel
Andrew Carnegie
John Rockefeller
Thomas Barranbt
Henry Wellcome
Madam CJ Walker



Antoine Lavoisier
Humphry Davy
Gregor Mendel
Louis Pasteur
Charles Darwin
Francis Crick



Geoffrey Chaucer
William Shakespeare
Charles Dickens
Victor Hugo
Leo Tolstoy
Roald Kipling



Pablo Casals
Louis Armstrong
Edith Piaf
Frank Sinatra
Mena Cullen
Elvis Presley

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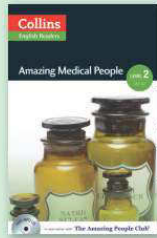
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Joseph Montgolfier
Louis Blériot
Charles Lindbergh
Amelia Earhart
Amy Johnson



JS Bach
Wolfgang Mozart
Giuseppe Verdi
Johann Strauss
Pyotr Tchaikovsky
Irving Berlin



Edward Jenner
Florence Nightingale
Elizabeth Garrett
Carl Jung
Jonas Salk
Christian Barnard



Leonardo da Vinci
Christopher Wren
Antoni Gaudí
Pablo Picasso
Frida Kahlo



Galileo Galilei
René Descartes
Isaac Newton
Carl Gauss
Charles Babbage
Ada Lovelace

Mozart
Leonardo da Vinci
Gaudí
Tchaikovsky
Newton
Frida Kahlo
Verdi
Florence Nightingale

Level 4 upper intermediate CEF: B2



Confucius
Socrates
Aristotle
William Witterham
Karl Marx
Mahatma Gandhi



Voltaire
Charlotte Brontë
Mark Twain
Jacques Prévert
Ayn Rand
Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn



Henry Ford
William Lenoir
Michael Marks
Henry Ford
Coco Chanel
Ray Kroc



Alessandro Volta
Michael Faraday
Marie Curie
Albert Einstein
Alexander Fleming
Linus Pauling



Julius Caesar
Queen Elizabeth I
George Washington
King Louis XVI
Winston Churchill
Che Guevara

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