

## THE INVENTOR WHO KEPT HIS PROMISE

### TEXT BOOK QUESTIONS

1. Why was Edison taken out of school?

Ans: Edison was a curious child who made his teacher impatient with his questions. The teacher thought that he was disturbing the class and had no interest in studies. So, she asked his parents to take him out of school.

2. In what way did Edison find his mother the best teacher?

Ans: Edison's mother was the best teacher because she patiently answered all his questions. She satisfied his curious mind and guided his education and progress.



3. Why did Edison get a beating from his mother?

Ans: Edison fed a servant girl a mixture of worms believing that it would enable her to fly. The girl fell sick after taking the mixture and Edison got a beating from his mother.

4. Why did Edison join the railways?

Ans: Edison needed to earn money to conduct new experiments and to buy new books. He joined the railways to earn money and to increase his knowledge and experience.

5. Why was Edison dismissed from the job?

Ans: Edison had set up a laboratory in the railway carriage on which he travelled. One day, some phosphorous fell on the floor of the carriage and it caught fire. Soon, the fire spread through the carriage. Edison was dismissed from his job in the



railway carriage after this incident.

6. What did Edison promise to the people of America?

Ans: Edison promised the people of America that he would give them electric light in two years' time.

7. Why was Edison awarded a medal?

Ans: Edison was awarded a medal for his services during the First World War. He made forty wartime inventions which were of great help during the war.

8. Why has the life of Edison been called great and eventful?

Ans: Edison led a very productive life and made numerous inventions. He was self-educated and his inventions like the gramophone and the electric bulb are of great service to the world. So, his life has been called great and eventful.