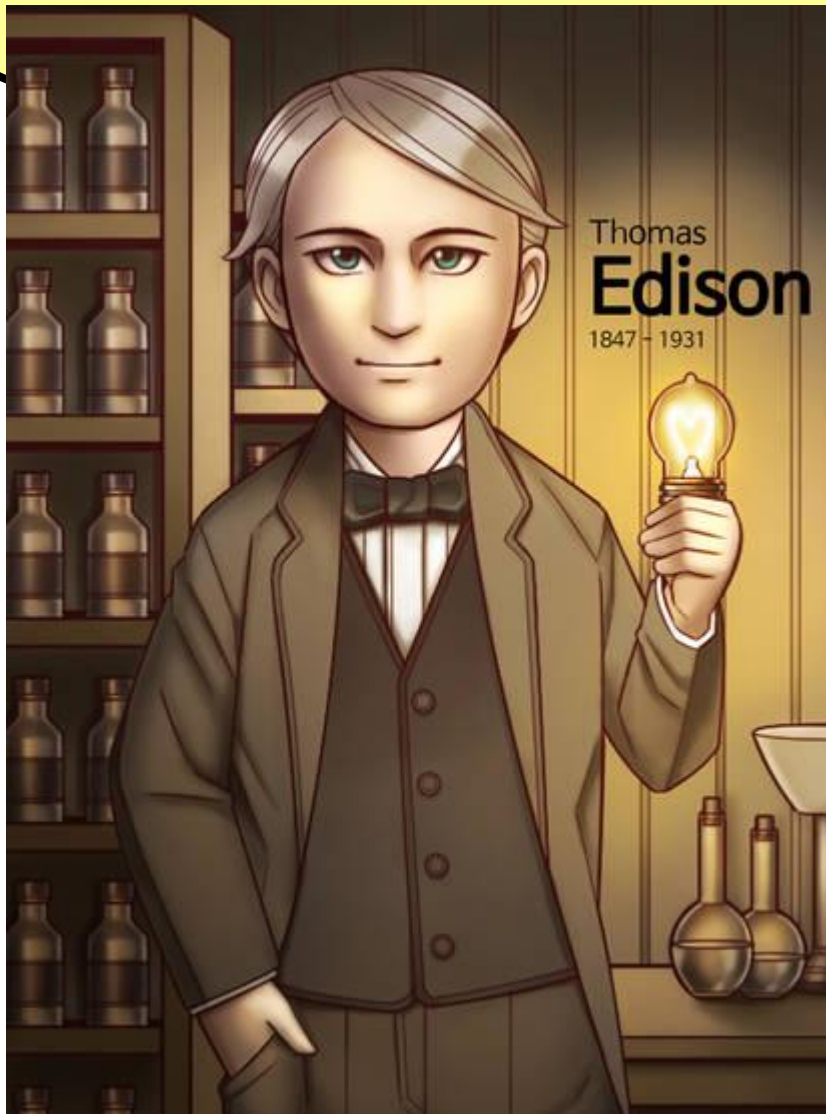


# Electric Edison



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**Sensory story by  
David Babatunde Wilson**

## Transition Music

**Music is integral to so many sensory stories. Consistent transition music at the start and end of a story helps to enable children and young people to anticipate what is coming next and to participate more fully in the story-sharing process. They also help to set the mood for the story.**

**Please feel free to choose your own transition music. The following are only suggestions:**

**Introductory music:**

- **Jean-Michel Jarre – Equinoxe 5**

**Story ending:**

- **Electric Light Orchestra – Telephone line**



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## Resources

**You will need some sensory resources available for this story.**

- **Pencils**
- **Paper**
- **Kitchen utensils**
- **Newspapers**
- **Barley cushion (heated)**
- **Ice**
- **Screwdriver**
- **Electric switch**
- **Electric wire**
- **Telephone (preferably rotary)**
- **Sound switch – ABBA “Thank you for the music”**
- **Camera**
- **Flip-book animation**
- **Plasma ball**
- **Small-world houses and buildings**
- **Ball of wool or string**
- **Light bulbs (different sizes)**
- **Ticking clock**
- **Sound switch – Emily Linge “Time goes by”**
- **Switch controlled light or lamp**
- **Sound switch – Sia “Never give up”**



**Sensory Resources and**  
**Activities**

**Hands covering ears (gross  
motor)**

**Wagging index finger  
(gross motor)**





**Thomas Edison's teacher  
sent him home.  
"He can't hear, he can't  
learn!"**



## **Sensory Resources and Activities**

**Mixed pencils, paper and kitchen utensils – children feel wood, plastic, metal**



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**His mum taught him at home instead.**



# **Sensory Resources and Activities**

**Newspaper  
Heated barley cushion  
Ice**





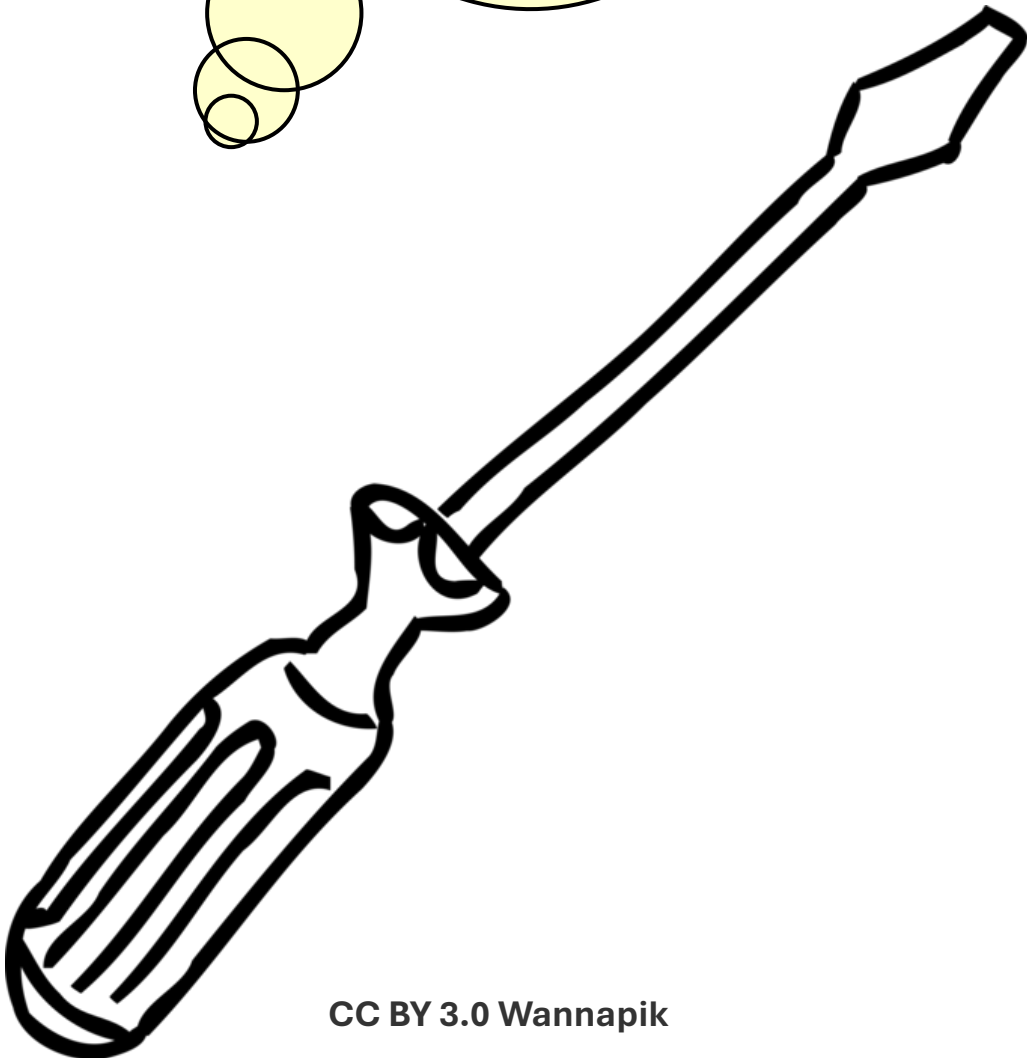
**Thomas wrote his own  
newspaper.  
He sold it on streets  
when it was hot and  
when it was cold.**

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## **Sensory Resources and** **Activities**

**Screwdriver**  
**Electric switch (not**  
**connected to anything)**  
**Electric wire**



**Thomas loved to learn  
about new things.  
He loved to invent new  
machines.**





## **Sensory Resources and Activities**

**Telephone (preferably old-fashioned style)**



**He invented a better  
way to send messages  
across the world.**



# **Sensory Resources and** **Activities**

**Sound switch – “Thank you  
for the music” Abba**

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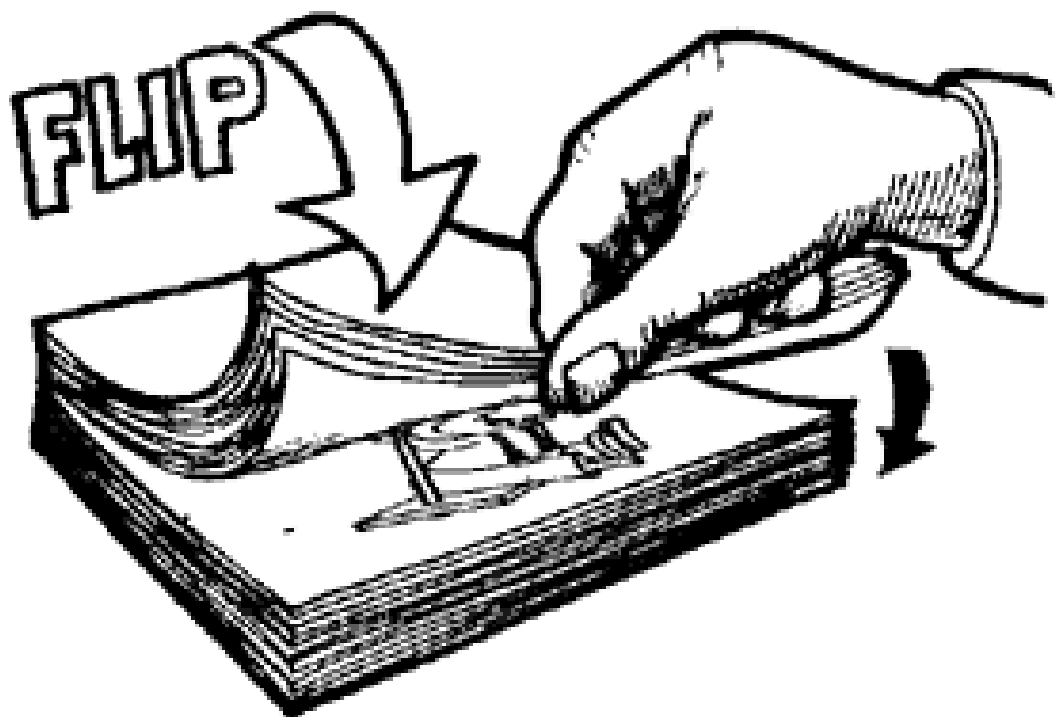


**He invented a way to  
record music – and play  
it back again.**



# **Sensory Resources and Activities**

## **Camera Flip-book animation**



**He invented a camera to  
record movies.**

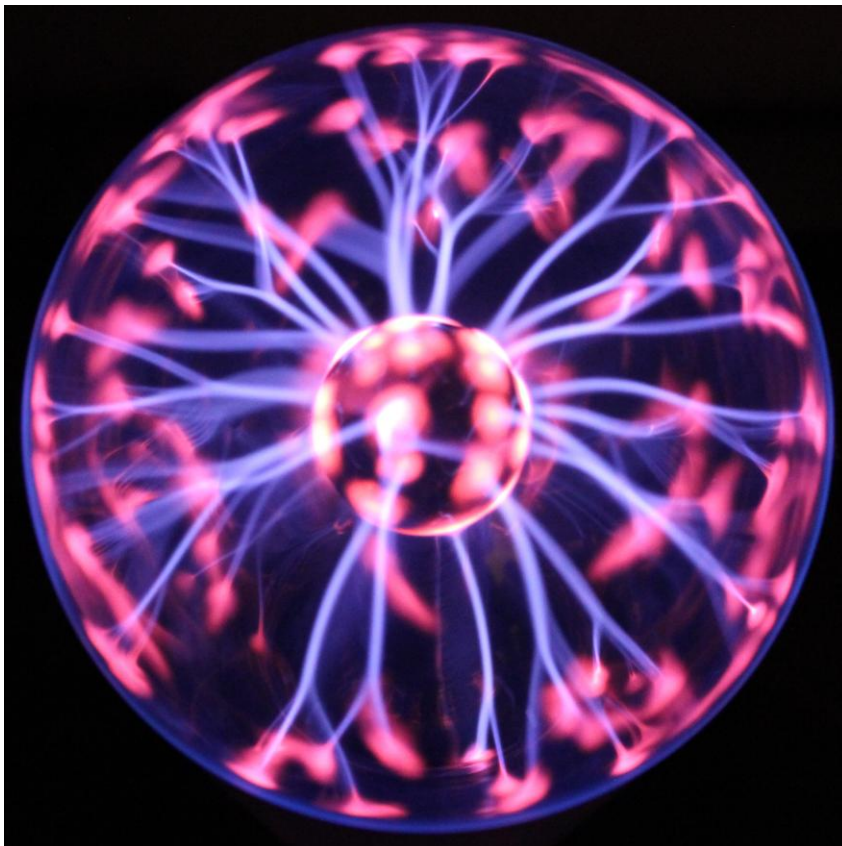
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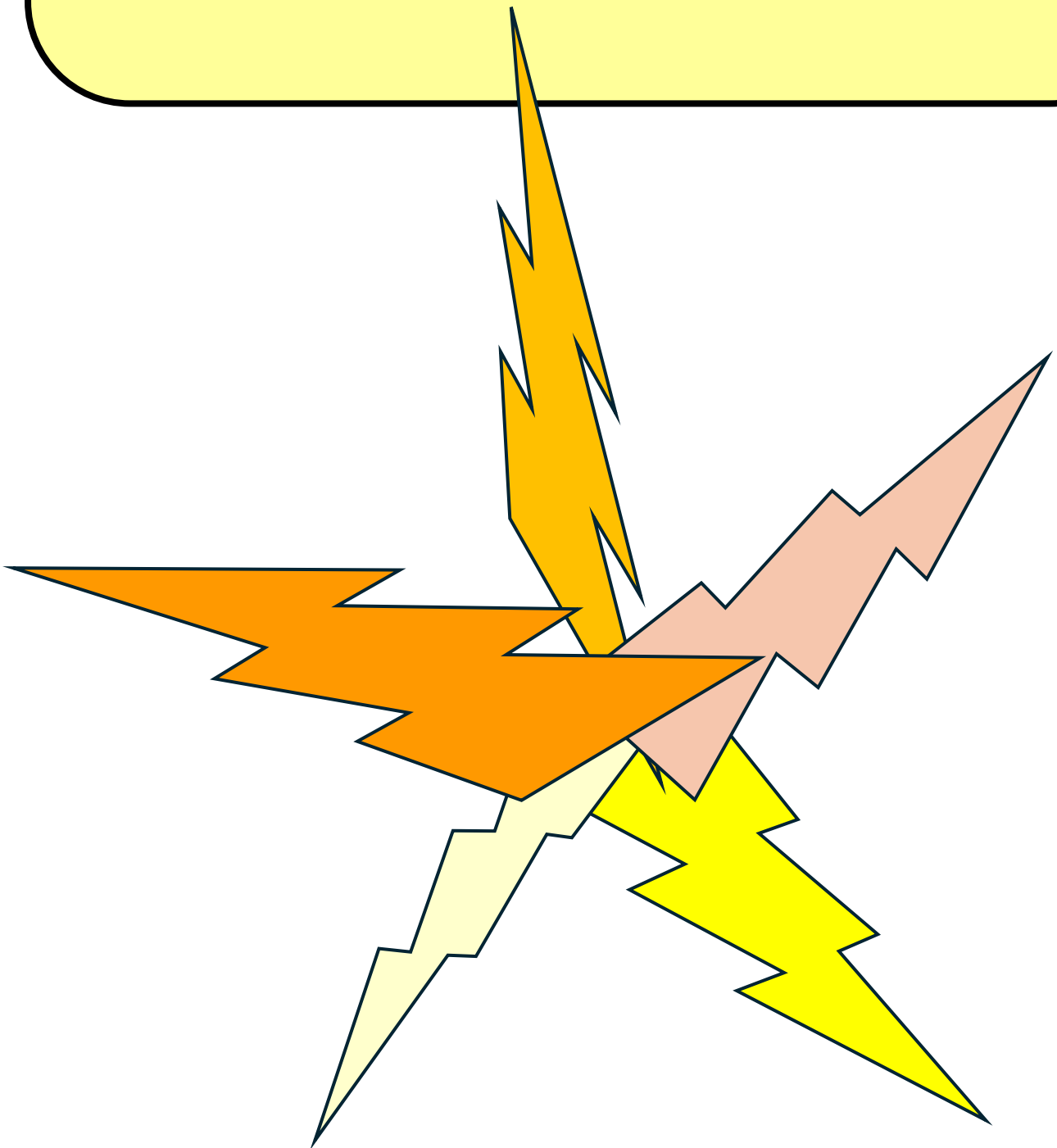


# **Sensory Resources and** **Activities**

**Electric switch  
(unconnected)  
Plasma ball**



**All his inventions used  
electricity.**



## **Sensory Resources and Activities**

**Small-world houses and  
buildings**

**Ball of wool/string for  
students to pass along,  
holding on to the  
wool/string as they do so**

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**He designed a way to  
bring electricity to  
different houses and  
buildings.**



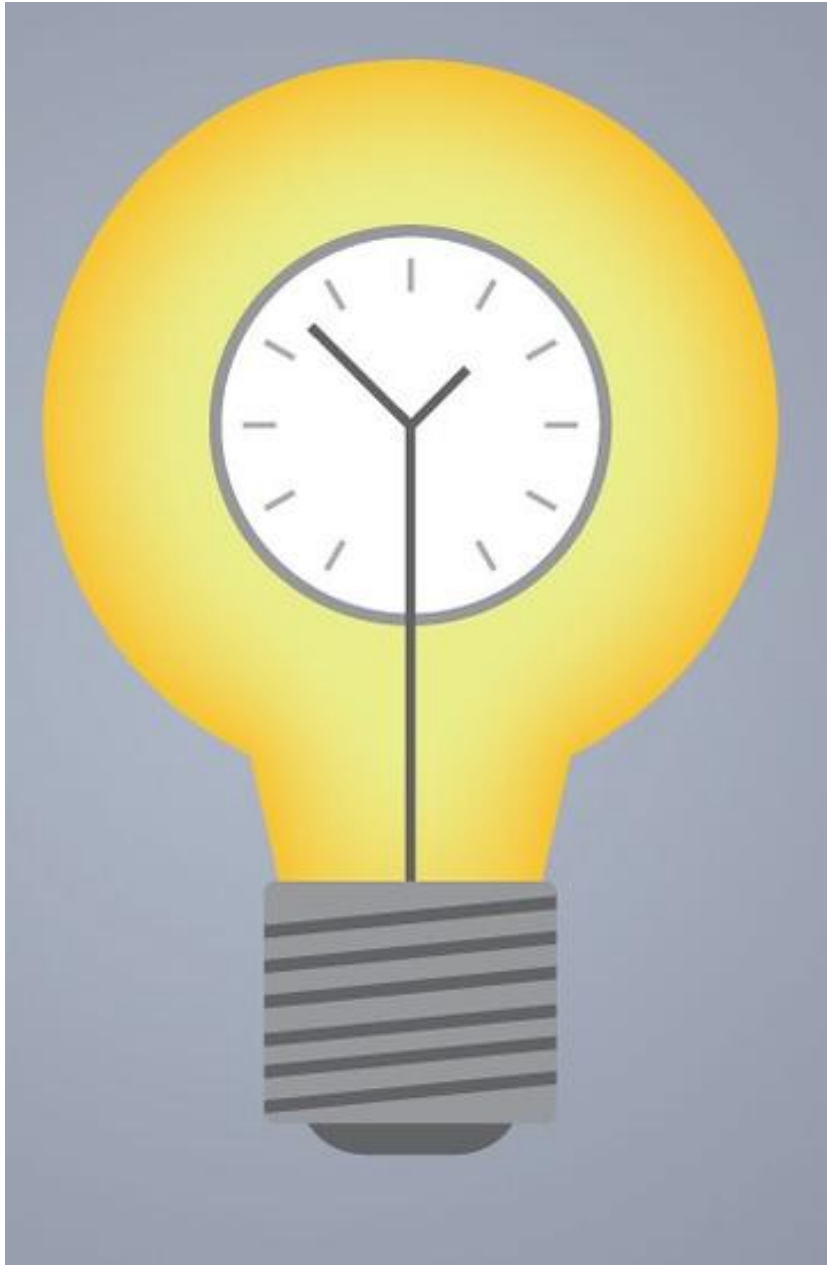
# **Sensory Resources and Activities**

**Light bulbs – different sizes**

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**Thomas Edison wanted  
to make an electric light  
bulb that would work  
for hours and hours.**



## **Sensory Resources and Activities**

**Sound switch – “Time goes  
by” Emily Linge  
Ticking clock**





**He tried and tried for ten  
years...  
...but his bulbs still  
wouldn't work.**

2000

2001

1999

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## **Sensory Resources and Activities**

**Students shake hands with  
one another / with staff  
(gross motor)**



**Eventually Edison called  
all his inventor friends.**



# **Sensory Resources and Activities**

**High fives all around (gross  
motor)**

**Switch controlled  
lamp/light**

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**Together, they made the  
first bulb that would  
work for weeks and  
months.**



# **Sensory Resources and Activities**

**Sound switch – “Never  
give up” Sia**

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**Thomas Edison never  
gave up!**





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