# **National Geographic Kids Readers: Alexander Graham Bell**

# **Notes for parents: reading this book with your child**

* Before your child shares this book with you, talk about what life might have been like before the phone (and other forms of digital communication) were invented.
* Look at the picture of Alexander Graham Bell on the front cover. Explain that he was an inventor. Discuss other inventors your child has learned about.
* Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read more complex information books:
  + Help your child to read through the contents list and build a context for their reading. Talk about any unfamiliar words and their meanings, and show your child how to use the picture glossary to help with understanding.
  + Show your interest in the information and be impressed by the facts that your child reads. Help them to focus on the *That’s a Fact!* boxes.
  + Encourage your child to talk about what they have read, answering simple questions that you ask about Graham Bell’s life.
  + Complete the quiz together, and help them with looking up the answers.
  + Encourage your child to use the pictures to develop their understanding as they read from the text and captions.
  + Give them lots of praise and encouragement!
* Discuss the timeline, and the impact that Alexander Graham Bell has had on the world of communication.