

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.