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Aleck liked to play in the fields and forest. He was also very curious. He would collect animals, not as pets, but for experiments. He was never cruel to these animals, but he was fascinated with trying to teach them.

Even though young Aleck enjoyed experimenting and learning from his projects, he was not a great student. When he was ten he entered school. He excelled at sports but found most of his other subjects boring. He was only interested in learning about things that sparked his curiosity.

When he was fifteen he went to London to spend a year studying with his grandfather. Grandfather Bell's second wife had died shortly before young Aleck came to live with him. His grandson was good company for him. He also hoped to help Aleck improve his grades. To help him act older and take his studies more seriously, Grandfather Bell bought Aleck the sort of clothes a proper gentleman would wear. He treated him as if he were older.



With his new clothes and the attention of a man he respected, young Alexander Graham Bell grew into a responsible and confident young man in London. He learned from his grandfather to speak correctly by reciting poems, plays and speeches. He also began to enjoy learning. When his father came for him a year later he discovered his son had become a man.

Look up the definitions to the words below. Write them on the lines.

responsible _____

confident _____

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Aleck continued teaching. He began to take on his first deaf pupils. His first students were Lotty and Minna, soon to be joined by Kate and Nelly, all eight-year-old girls. Using Visible Speech, Aleck taught the girls to say many words. They were so excited to go home in the summer so their parents could hear what they had learned.

Word of young Bell's success spread and soon many parents of deaf children were asking him to teach them. However, in just two years both of Aleck's brothers had died and he, too had become thin and pale. His parents begged him to move with them to Canada. The Bells set sail on July 21, 1870, arriving in the Canadian province Quebec in August.

Though his family bought a huge home in Ontario, Canada, Aleck, now 23, moved to Boston, Massachusetts, to teach Visible Speech. He was delighted with the city. It had the largest public library in the United States, and great universities such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Alexander Graham Bell, the young man from Scotland, became very well known for his work with the deaf. His dream was to open a school to train teachers to use Visible Speech to teach deaf students. Although his interest in science was growing, Bell always thought of himself as a teacher before anything else.

In the fall of 1872, young Alexander Graham Bell attended lectures and read books about electricity. It was an exciting time for scientists and inventors everywhere interested in how to improve communication. There was special interest in the telegraph as a quicker way for people to communicate than using the mail service.



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CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

code

deaf

sound

telephone

patent

speech

telegraph

invent

