

# Who Invented Earmuffs?

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Chester Greenwood became an inventor when he was 15 years old. An inventor thinks of ideas that solve problems.

One day, Chester went ice-skating. His ears felt cold. He covered them with his scarf, but the scarf was itchy.

Then Chester had an idea. He asked his grandmother to help him. They made two wire circles and covered them with fur. They connected the circles to each other with a metal band.

Chester put his invention on his head. It kept his ears warm. Chester called his invention "earmuffs."

People liked the invention and bought their own earmuffs. Now every year people in his hometown in Maine have a parade. Everyone wears earmuffs, of course!

# Staying Dry in the Snow

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KK Gregory liked to play in the snow. But KK didn't like when snow went up her sleeve. It made her feel wet and too cold to play.

Even though she was only ten years old, KK decided to do something about this problem.

She made coverings that fit over her upper hands and wrists. Her wrists stayed dry! She called her idea Wristies.

She made them in different sizes and colors. Soon, she was selling Wristies to other people.

Today, KK's invention is helping a lot of people stay dry in the snow.

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**Use the article "Staying Dry in the Snow" to answer questions 1 to 2.**

**1. How did KK feel when snow went up her sleeve?**

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**2. What was KK's problem?**

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**Use the article "Who Invented Earmuffs?" to answer questions 3 to 4.**

3. How did Chester's ears feel when he went ice skating?

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4. Did Chester have a problem? Explain why or why not. Support your answer with information from the text.

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Use the articles "Staying Dry in the Snow" and "Who Invented Earmuffs?" to answer questions 5 to 6.

5. Think about how KK felt when she was playing in the snow. Then think about what how Chester felt when he went ice-skating. What was similar about how they felt?

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6. Compare the way KK solved a problem to the way Chester solved a problem.

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