



### Worksheet 3. Reading: *The Invention of the Popsicle*

Read the passage about how a food was invented. Then answer the questions.



#### The Invention of the Popsicle

The **popsicle** was invented by an eleven-year-old child, Frank Epperson, in 1905. Young Frank lived in San Francisco, California.

One cold night, he accidentally left a fruit drink in a cup on his back porch. He had left a **stirrer** -- a small stick to stir with -- in the drink. When he found the drink in the morning, it was **frozen!** It was **solid** ice with the **stick** in the middle. He took the frozen drink out of the cup and tasted it. It was delicious! It was a new **treat**.

Epperson got a **patent** on his "frozen ice on a stick" many years later, in 1923. His frozen treat was originally called the Epsicle. The Epsicle was later renamed the popsicle. Epperson also invented the **twin** popsicle (with two sticks so it could be **shared** by two children), the Fudgsicle, the Creamsicle and the Dreamsicle.

Answer the questions according to the information in the reading. Circle a. or b.

- Who invented the popsicle?
  - A child who was eleven years old
  - An engineer who was also an inventor
- When was the popsicle invented?
  - About fifty years ago
  - About a hundred years ago
- Which statement is true?
  - The popsicle was invented out of necessity.
  - The popsicle was invented by accident.
- What was in the cup outside of the kitchen window?
  - Fruit
  - A fruit drink
- What happened to the liquid during the night?
  - It spilled.
  - It froze.
- What was the original popsicle named?
  - The Epsicle
  - The Fudgsicle