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.

1. Who invented the popsicle?
   a. A child who was eleven years old
   b. An engineer who was also an inventor

2. When was the popsicle invented?
   a. About fifty years ago
   b. About a hundred years ago

3. Which statement is true?
   a. The popsicle was invented out of necessity.
   b. The popsicle was invented by accident.

4. What was in the cup outside of the kitchen window?
   a. Fruit
   b. A fruit drink

5. What happened to the liquid during the night?
   a. It spilled.
   b. It froze.

6. What was the original popsicle named?
   a. The Epsicle
   b. The Fudgsicle