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 - i. A bushel is a measure used for dry goods.
 - ii. The speaker feels that he is a bushel of wheat because his weight is more than what it should be.

- iii. This line shows that the speaker is very much aware and alert about the things around him, and that he is very intelligent.
 - iv. Bushels are of any millet or any dry goods. It is used in India too Rs. It is in the country side so hearing these words are rare.
 - c.
 - i. Edison's mother said these words to his teacher Reverend Mr. Engle.
 - ii. "Here", refers to the country school where Edison took admission, and was taught by a minister and his wife.
 - iii. The teacher was unhappy with Edison and said that he was unable to think clearly. However, his mother did not believe the teacher and said that Edison was brighter than most of his boys of his age. She said that she would teach him herself and Edison would not go to the Reverend's school anymore.
- 3.
 - a. Alva Edison was an intelligent and curious boy. His mother created interest in him for his studies and taught him to reason. She got him enough books to read and he learnt them rapidly. He was a voracious reader. He was growing up at a time when much research and discussion was going on regarding electricity which created interest in him. All these things inspired Edison to invent many things.
 - b. Edison was successful in life despite several setbacks because he believed that there was no such thing as mistakes as long as he learnt something out of them.
 - c. Edison was very determined and dedicated in what he did. He never hesitated from doing any kind of job to earn money for continuing his process of inventions. Thus, he was successful in overcoming all his shortcomings.
 - d. Nancy Edison, mother of Alva Edison was a person of great determination. She herself was a teacher and understood Edison. She knew that Edison was much more intelligent than other boys of his age. She played a great role in Edison's life. She gave him enough books to read and spent long hours with him. She taught him to reason. She always encouraged him with everything he wanted to do.

What Do You Think?

1. We cannot say that differently thought concepts will be successful. There may be so many, in fact innumerable experiments may have been unsuccessful. Some may have not been encouraged. The constraints of the society, to give the set up, the finance or the time to devote to make experiments successful is a far cry.

Some business houses have helped young thinking minds too. Some are successful but others not.

But surely there are many inventions which have seen made and have been a boon to mankind

2. A hard childhood can either make or break a person. The positives of a hard childhood are that the person becomes mature and balanced, understands the value of money, being grateful for what he or she has.

The negatives of a hard childhood are that the person may become harsh, cold and selfish, may develop bad habits, may be not inclined to see something good happen to someone else.