About Franklin

Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston in 1706. He had 16 brothers and sisters. His family could not afford to send him to school after he was 10 years old. So he taught himself, from books.

He was interested in everything. He worked as a printer. He also published a newspaper and an almanac full of wit and wisdom. He helped to set up a postal system in America. He did scientific experiments. Some of them were dangerous.

afford: sich leisten
almanac: Jahrbuch
ambassador: Botschafter
constitution: Verfassung
independence: Unabhängigkeit
kite: Drachen
lens: Linse
lightning rod: Blitzableiter
lightning: Blitz
printer: Drucker
prove: beweisen
publish: publizieren
scientific: naturwissenschaftl.
set up: aufstellen
sign: unterschreiben
spectacles: Brille
teach, taught taught: lehren
thunderstorm: Gewitter
wisdom: Weisheit
wit: Geist, Witz

With a kite in a thunderstorm he proved that lightning was electricity. He invented the lightning rod. He made bifocal (two-lens) spectacles.

He helped write the Declaration of Independence in the year 1776 and signed the Constitution. Franklin went to France as the United States ambassador. He died in 1790.

Translate:

1. Wir konnten uns das Buch nicht leisten. ....

2. Sie ist an allem interessiert. ....

3. Ich arbeite als Drucker.*) ....

4. Er ist Botschafter der USA*). ....

5. Experimente können gefährlich sein. ....

6. Er ging nach Frankreich. ....

7. Er unterschrieb die Verfassung. ....

*) Bei Berufsbez. im Engl. immer Artikel:
Ich bin Lehrerin: I'm **a** teacher.
He works as **a** postman.

Change into the passive voice:
Setze die Sätze ins Passiv:

Franklin invented the lightning rod. - *...The lightning rod was invented by Franklin.* ....

Franklin signed the Constitution. ....

Franklin made bifocal spectacles. ....

Franklin published a newspaper. ....

Franklin wrote parts of the Declaration of Independence ....

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