



Star Gazing

Jason's dad drove him to the top of a big hill outside their city. After finding the perfect spot where there was a clear view of the starry night sky, he parked the car, opened the trunk, and pulled out a long cardboard box. The box contained a shiny new telescope that Jason had gotten for his birthday. He couldn't wait to try it out. When the telescope was all assembled, his dad told him to take the first peek.

"Wow!" exclaimed Jason as he peered through the lens. "Dad, it's incredible! There are so many stars. It looks like I could just reach out my hand and touch them." His dad chuckled.

Jason and his dad were able to enjoy this amazing view largely due to the brilliant work of a famous scientist and astronomer named Galileo Galilee, who was born on February 15, 1564. Galileo is credited with inventing the first high-powered telescope and using it to study the skies.

Directions: Based on the story, decide whether the statements below are true or false. Then fill in the circle for the correct answer.

1. Jason drove the car to the top of a big hill outside their city.
 True False
2. Jason and his dad were going to look at the stars through Jason's new telescope.
 True False
3. Jason had been given the telescope as a Christmas gift.
 True False
4. Jason was excited to see so many stars through his telescope.
 True False
5. A man named Galileo Galilee is credited with inventing the first high-powered telescope and using it to study the skies.
 True False