

Complete the sentences with the correct form (infinitive or gerund) of the verb.

Early automobiles

Many inventors were trying _____(**build**) gas-powered, self-propelled vehicles in the late 1800's. A French inventor succeeded in _____(**create**) a steam-powered tricycle in 1769. A German engineer, Nikolaus August Otto, is known for _____(**invent**) the four-stroke gas-powered engine in 1876. Both Gottlieb Daimler and Carl Benz managed ___(**build**)_____ and ___(**sell**)_____ autos in Germany in the 1880s. By 1898 there were 50 companies responsible for ___(**market**)___ cars in the United States alone. That number happened ___(**expand**)___ 241 by 1908. It was in 1908 when Henry Ford started ___(**make**)_____ automotive history. It was in that year that he managed ___(**put**)_____ together the first assembly line and ___(**lower**)_____ the price of automobiles so that everyone could buy one. He began ___(**arrange**)_____ workers so that they could each do a small part of the job in sequence. This prevented ___from___(**repeat**)_____ a log of unnecessary steps in the assembly process. By 1913 he managed ___(**produce**)___ 250,000 cars a year. His first mass-produced car, the Model T, guaranteed ___(**give**)_____ modest-income Americans decent transportation for a reasonable (\$500 USD!) price. Henry Ford went on ___(**lead**)___ the U.S. automobile industry for many years. Though he tried, he failed ___(**get**)_____ elected to the U.S. Senate in 1918. His company was started with just \$28,000 and, by 1913, managed ___(**pay**)_____ dividends of \$11 million. While Ford declined ___(**give**)_____ away more than a modest amount during his lifetime, the Ford Foundation arranges ___(**donate**)_____ millions of dollars each year to deserving causes.