

The fascinating life of ELON MUSK

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Early Life

Elon Musk (one of the richest people in the world with about $14 billion) was born on June 28, 1971 in the city of Pretoria, in South Africa. His father is South African, but his mother is from Canada (Elon is now a U.S. citizen). Elon was always very interested in computers, and when he was only 12 years old he created a video game called 'Blastar' and sold it for $500.

University Study

Elon left South Africa in 1989 for Canada, where he studied at Queen's University in Ontario. After two years, he decided to change to the University of Pennsylvania in the United States. At the age of 24, he graduated with bachelor degrees in physics and economics.

Career

After leaving university, still in his twenties, Elon Musk helped to create the PayPal company. He later went on to create several other companies. Here are three of his biggest companies:

- **SpaceX** – SpaceX makes rockets. With these rockets, Elon Musk is making plans for humans to travel to the planet Mars where, he hopes, people will soon live.
- **Tesla** – Tesla is a car company that is different from most car companies. It sells electric cars.
- **SolarCity** – SolarCity makes and sells solar power (electricity made from sunlight). It is the second largest solar power company in the United States. It may one day be the biggest.

True/False

1.Elon Musk was born on July 28, 1971. ___F___

2. Elon's father is from South Africa. _____

3. When he was only 12 years old, Elon bought his first video game. _____

4. In 1989, Elon Musk was 24 years old. _____

5. Elon studied at three different universities in Canada and the U.S. _____

6. Elon helped to make the PayPal company before he was 30 years old. _____

7. He wants people to live on another planet. _____

8. Tesla is famous because it sells cars and solar power. _____

9. Tesla is an unusual car company. _____

10. SolarCity is the biggest solar power company in the world. _____

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