

1. Albert Einstein \_\_\_\_\_ (1) a German-born physicist, although most people probably know him as the most intelligent person who ever \_\_\_\_\_ (2). **His** name has become part of many languages when we want to say someone is a genius, as in the phrase, "She's a real Einstein". He must have been pretty brainy to discover the Theory of Relativity and the equation E=mc2.
2. In 1999, 'Time' magazine named Einstein as the Person of the Century. No one could have \_\_\_\_\_ (3) **this** would happen when he was at school. He was extremely interested in science but \_\_\_\_\_ (4) the system of learning by heart. He said it destroyed learning and creativity. He had already done many experiments, but failed the entrance exams to a technical college.
3. He didn't let this setback stop him. When he was 16, he \_\_\_\_\_ (5) his famous experiment of imagining traveling alongside a beam of light. He eventually \_\_\_\_\_ (6) from university, in 1900, with a degree in physics. Twelve years later he was a university professor and in 1921, he won the Nobel Prize for Physics. He went on to publish over 300 scientific papers.
4. Einstein is the only scientist to become a cult figure, a household name, and part of everyday culture. He once joked that when people \_\_\_\_\_ (7) him in the street, he always replied: "Pardon me, sorry! Always I am mistaken for Professor Einstein." Today, he is seen as the typical mad, absent-minded professor, **who** just \_\_\_\_\_ (8) to change our world.