

Complete spaces with the verb in past.

Curie's Biography

Maria Skłodowska _____(be) Born on 7 November 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, she _____(be) the youngest of five children of poor school teachers. After her mother _____(die) and her father could no longer support her she _____(become) a governess, reading and studying in her own time to quench her thirst for knowledge. She never _____(lose) this passion.

To become a teacher – the only alternative which would allow her to be independent – _____(be) never a possibility because a lack of money prevented her from a formal higher education. However, when her sister _____(offer) her lodgings in Paris with a view to going to university, she _____(grasp) the opportunity and moved to France in 1891.

She immediately _____(enter) Sorbonne University in Paris where she _____(read) physics and mathematics – she _____(have) naturally discovered a love of the subjects through her insatiable appetite for learning.

It was in Paris, in 1894, that she _____(meet) Pierre Curie – a scientist working in the city – and who she _____(marry) a year later. It _____(be) also around this time that she _____(adopt) the French spelling of her name – Marie. It is of course this version of her name that our charity uses, along with our hospices, Marie Curie Nursing Service and our Marie Curie Helper service.

