



Marie Curie

- Be- great scientist
- Born -Warsaw, Poland- 1867
- Be – good student
- Love- math, science, languages
- Not go- girls- college- Poland
- Be- 24 – she- become- science student
- Study- Sorbone – Paris
- Study- hard- graduate- 1894
- Marry- Pierre Curie- 1895
- Work- together- many years
- Discover- radium
- Win- Nobe Prize- discovery of radium

MARIE CURIE

Marie Curie was a great **scientist**. She was born Marja Skłodowska in Warsaw, Poland, in 1867. Both of her parents were teachers. When Marie was only 10 years old, her mother died.

Marie was a very good student. She loved science, math, and languages. She and her sister Bronya wanted to go to college. But in those days, only men could go to college in Poland. The girls had to go to France to study. There was not enough money for both sisters to go. So Marie worked as a teacher in Poland. She sent money to Bronya to pay for medical school in Paris. After Bronya became a doctor, she helped Marie.

When she was 24, Marie became a science student at the Sorbonne, a university in Paris. Even with her sister's help, she did not have much money. She lived in a small room near the college. It had no lights, no water, and no heat. Sometimes Marie only had bread and tea to eat.

Marie studied hard and **graduated** in 1894. A year later, she married Pierre Curie. He was also a scientist. They worked together for many years. Their most important **discovery** was radium. Today, doctors use the **rays** from radium to **treat** cancer. The Curies won a Nobel Prize for their discovery. This is the highest **award** for a scientist. Marie Curie was the first woman to receive this award.

When Marie Curie was 39, Pierre died in a road accident. But she continued their work. Curie became the first woman professor in France. In 1911, she won a second Nobel Prize. But years of working with radium **ruined** her health. She died of cancer in 1934. Her daughter Irene continued Curie's work. She also received a Nobel Prize. Sadly, Irene also got cancer and died young. Both women gave their lives for their work.

Vocabulary: Write the correct words in the blanks.

scientist

graduated

discovery

treat

award

ruin

rays

1. Marie Curie was a _____. She studied the world around her.

2. The sun gives out _____ of light.

3. Marie and Pierre Curie found something new. No one had found it before. Their _____ was radium.

4. Marie Curie finished her studies at the university. She _____.

5. Radium is used to _____ cancer, but too much radium can cause cancer.

6. The Nobel Prize is a prize that people receive when they do something very special. It's an important _____.

Comprehension: Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. Marie Curie was _____.
a) a great scientist b) a great doctor
c) a great scientist because of her husband

2. Marie Curie's work _____.
a) made her rich b) killed her husband
c) ruined her health

3. Today radium is used by _____.
a) scientists to win awards b) doctors to treat cancer
c) science students to study cancer