

TIME names Elon Musk 2021 Person of the Year 16th December, 2021



Every December, TIME magazine announces its Person of the Year. This year, that award goes to the groundbreaking entrepreneur Elon Musk. TIME's editor-in-chief Edward Felsenthal explained why. He wrote: "Person of the Year is a

marker of influence. Few individuals have had more influence than Musk on life on Earth, and potentially, life off Earth too." He added: "In 2021, Musk emerged not just as the world's richest person, but also as perhaps the richest example of a massive shift in our society." Mr Musk is worth more than \$255 billion. He is the richest person in history. He is also helping to save our world and our future. He is leading efforts to explore space and get to Mars.

The year 2021 was an amazing one for Elon Musk. He went into space in his own rocket. It was made by his company SpaceX. This is a pioneer in space tourism. It might enable us to travel to Mars. Mr Musk is also well known for his car company Tesla. This controls two-thirds of the multi-billion-dollar electric car market. It is valued at around \$1 trillion. Musk is also an engineer, inventor and a trailblazer in many other cutting-edge industries. He first made his name by co-founding the e-payments company PayPal. Today, he is a leading player in robotics, solar technology, cryptocurrency, artificial intelligence and super-speed public transport. TIME called him a genius and a visionary.

Sources: time.com / cnn.com / npr.org

TASK 1. READ THE ARTICLE AND CHOOSE: T (TRUE) OR F (FALSE).

- 1) TIME announces its Person of the Year every November. T / F
- 2) The article says no one has influenced society more than Elon Musk. T / F
- 3) Elon Musk is worth over \$250 billion. T / F
- 4) Elon Musk is the richest person in history. T / F
- 5) Elon Musk went into space in one of his own rockets. T / F
- 6) The car company Tesla controls three-quarters of the electric car market. T / F
- 7) Elon Musk helped to create the e-payments company PayPal. T / F
- 8) TIME magazine said Elon Musk was a genius. T / F

TASK 2. READ AGAIN AND MATCH THE SYNONYMS.

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. award | a. worth |
| 2. entrepreneur | b. power |
| 3. influence | c. attempts |
| 4. shift | d. participant |
| 5. efforts | e. business person |
| 6. amazing | f. innovator |
| 7. pioneer | g. mastermind |
| 8. valued | h. prize |
| 9. player | i. unbelievable |
| 10. genius | j. change |

**TASK 3. MATCH THE TWO PARTS OF THE PHRASES AND
DRAW THE ARROWS.**

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| 1. Few individuals have had more | a. electric car market |
| 2. life | b. more than \$255 billion |
| 3. Mr Musk is worth | c. intelligence |
| 4. He is also helping to save | d. on Earth |
| 5. He is leading efforts | e. player in robotics |
| 6. The year 2021 was an amazing | f. our world |
| 7. two-thirds of the multi-billion-dollar | g. influence than Musk |
| 8. a trailblazer in many other cutting- | h. one for Elon Musk |
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**TASK 4. UNSCRAMBLE THE UNDERLINED WORDS AND
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