

STEPHEN HAWKING - Biography:

Early Life

Stephen Hawking **1- (be)** born in Oxford, England on January 8, 1942. He **2- (grow)** up in a highly educated family.

Stephen **3- (enjoy)** math and science in school .

He **4- (want)** to study math at university but Oxford didn't have a math degree at the time so he **5-**

(choose) physics and chemistry instead. Stephen

6- (find) college coursework to be very easy. After graduation, he **7 -(go)** to Cambridge to study for his PhD.



Diagnosed with ALS

While Hawking was studying at Cambridge University, he **8 - (begin)** to have health problems. His speech **9 - (become)** unclear and he was very clumsy, often falling for no reason. After a series of tests, doctors **10 - (discover)** that Hawking **11 - (have)** a disease called ALS (also called Lou Gehrig's disease). At the time, the doctors **12 - (say)** he only had a few years to live.

Overcoming ALS

Although at first Hawking was depressed over his diagnosis, he **13 - (decide)** that there were things he wanted to accomplish with his life. He **14 - (study)** and **15 - (work)** harder than before. Around the same time, he **16 - (meet)** and **17 - (fall)** in love with a girl named Jane Wilde.

Black Holes and Hawking Radiation

Stephen **18 - (spend)** most of his time researching black holes and space-time theories. He **19 - (write)** many important documents on relativity and black holes.

A Brief History of Time

In 1988 he **20 - (publish)** *A Brief History in Time*. The book **21 - (come)** to be very popular , millions of copies have been sold.

Death

On March 14, 2018, Hawking finally **22 - (die)** at his home in Cambridge, England.

TV and Film Appearances

If there is such a thing as a rock-star scientist, Stephen Hawking exemplified it. He **23 - (make)** guest appearances on *The Simpsons* and *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, among others ." In 2012, Hawking **24 - (show)** off his humorous side on American television, making a guest appearance on *The Big Bang Theory*. In one episode, Hawking **25 - (bring)** the theoretical physicist Sheldon Cooper back to Earth after finding an error in his work.



Q: Change the verbs provided to the past simple tense.

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