

Marie Curie

Task: Read the text

There aren't many people who haven't heard of Marie Curie. She was a famous physicist and chemist.

Curie was born on 7 November, 1867, in Warsaw, Poland. Her family was quite poor so she had to attend public school, but she was an excellent student. She became a governess when she left school to help pay for her sister's education. A few years later, she left for Paris and went to university, where she earned degrees in physics and maths.

In 1895, she married Pierre Curie. Together they discovered polonium and radium, and Marie developed a theory about radioactivity. They won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1903. Eight years later, Marie Curie won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry on her own. She died on 4 July, 1934, from exposure to radiation. Marie Curie was a scientific pioneer. She was the first person to win two Nobel Prizes and the first woman to become a professor at the University of Paris. She is also an inspiration to young women who are interested in science all over the world.

Task: Choose the right answer

1. What is the way of beginning the article?
 - a) Addressing the reader directly
 - b) Making a statement
 - c) Using a short quotation
2. What is the way of ending the article?
 - a) Addressing the reader directly
 - b) Making a statement
 - c) Using a short quotation

Task: True/False/Doesn't say

1. Marie Curie was only a physicist. —
2. She was born in Poland. —
3. Marie Curie was the only child in her family. —
4. She won the Nobel Prize twice. —
5. She discovered the theory of radioactivity with her husband. —
6. She had two daughters. —

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