

# 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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