

# Who is she - this lady Jocasta?

Jocasta Watson-Hardy-Osborne was born on February 29<sup>th</sup> 1859. Her father, a doctor, was away at the time. At school, she learned about Information Technology (computer studies),



Aviation (all about flying) and Space Travel. When she was eighteen, she got a job in the British Royal Navy. She captained her first ship 'The Buccaneer' when she was nineteen. She sailed the ship all over planet Earth. After two years, she was bored and so she left the Navy. She decided to be an explorer. Space Travel interested Jocasta and so she joined NASA. She piloted her first rocket 'The Chula' in 2283. The first stop was Mars, but Jocasta didn't like it. She said it was cold and boring. Soon after, she went on an

intergalactic tour. She visited some amazing planets and saw some incredible things. She is currently living in the year 2021, on Earth. She is a teacher at the Pentallian Institute, which is actually the intergalactic code name for YOUR place of learning! You might know her! She never uses her real name. Her father is off fighting Daleks, as he does from time to time. He will return for her soon and they will be off travelling again. Into the past, or into the future? WHO knows?

Jocasta certainly has an exciting life! By the way, her name is too long! Her friends call her Jo Who. Do you know who her famous father is?



## Are the sentences TRUE or FALSE?

1. Jocasta was born in summer time.
2. Her father was there when she was born.
3. In Information Technology, students learn about aeroplanes.
4. She joined the Armed Forces when she was eighteen.
5. She was the captain of a ship.
6. She was in the Navy for six years.
7. She became a pilot.
8. Jocasta went to Mars and loved it.
9. She travelled around Space.
10. She is living in the year 2121.
11. Maybe you know her!
12. Her father is fighting teachers at the moment.
13. Her dad will come back for her soon.
14. She has a very long name.
15. Her nickname is Jo Who.

## Answer the questions in full sentences:

1. When was Jo born?  
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2. How many years ago was she born?  
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3. When did she join the Navy?  
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4. Why did she leave the Navy?  
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5. Which space agency did Jo join?  
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6. How did she rate Mars?  
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7. What things did she visit?  
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8. Where is she at the moment?  
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9. Who is her famous father? List the clues.  
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**Leap years** happen every four years and we get a date of February 29<sup>th</sup>. You can tell if any year was a Leap Year by dividing it by four. **Was 1859 a Leap Year?**