

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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