Marie Curie

I. Complete the following biography by changing the verbs in past simple.



Marie Curie, _____ (**be born**) in Warsaw on November 7, 1867, the daughter of a secondary-school teacher. She_____ (**receive**) a general education in local schools and some scientific training from her father. She _____ (**go to**) Paris to continue her studies at the Sorbonne where she obtained Licentiateships in Physics and the Mathematical Sciences. She_____(**meet**) Pierre Curie, Professor in the School of Physics in 1894 and in the following year they _____ (**be marry**).

The Curies _____ (**work**) together investigating radioactivity, building on the work of the German physicist Roentgen and the French physicist Becquerel. In July 1898, the Curies _____ (**announce**) the discovery of a new chemical element, polonium. At the end of the year, they _____(**announce**) the discovery of another, radium. The Curies, along with Becquerel, were awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1903.

Pierre's _____ (**die**) in 1906 when he was knocked down and killed by a carriage. Marie _____ (**take**) over his teaching post, becoming the first woman to teach at the Sorbonne, and devoted herself to continuing the work that they had begun together. She received a second Nobel Prize, for Chemistry, in 1911.

The Curie's research was crucial in the development of x-rays in surgery. During World War One Curie helped to equip ambulances with x-ray equipment, which she herself _____ (**drive**) to the front lines. The International Red Cross _____(**make**) her head of its radiological service and she _____ (**hold**) training courses for medical orderlies and doctors in the new techniques.

Despite her success, Marie continued to face great opposition from male scientists in France, and she never received significant financial benefits from her work. By the late 1920s her health was beginning to deteriorate. She died on 4 July 1934 from leukemia, caused by exposure to high-energy radiation from her research.

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II. Write the number of the word with their meanings.

Words	Meanings
1. Training	Investigation
2. Discover	Award
3. Prize	Machine
4. Research	Health decline
5. Equipment	Find something
6. Deteriorate	Process of learning new skills

III. True or False?

1. Marrie and Pierre got married in 1893. T F
2. In 1898, the Curies discovered two elements Polonium and radium. T F
3. Marrie became the first woman to teach at the Sorbonne. T F
4. Marie Currie won two Nobel Prizes. T F

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