Wh- Questions: Great People

1 Question words

Match the question words with the answers.

Question word		Answer
1. Who...?	___	a. In 1876.
2. What...?	___	b. In Scotland.
3. Where...?	___	c. Marie Curie.
4. When...?	___	d. Because she wanted to help soldiers.
5. Why...?	___	e. In a small plane.
6. How...?	___	f. The light bulb.

Remember! In the past simple: **Wh- word + did + subject + verb (base form)?**

Where *did* Bell *live*? → He *lived* in Canada.

But with **was / were**: Where *was* Mozart from? → He *was* from Austria.

2. Reading: Two amazing women

Read the texts. Then answer the questions with full sentences.

Marie Curie

Marie Curie was born in Warsaw, Poland, in 1867. When she was 24, she moved to Paris to study science at university. There, she met Pierre Curie and they got married. Together they discovered two new elements: polonium and radium. In 1903, Marie won the Nobel Prize. During the First World War, she invented mobile X-ray units because she wanted to help injured soldiers. She drove the vans to the hospitals herself!

1. Where was Marie Curie born? _____
2. Why did she move to Paris? _____
3. Who did she marry? _____
4. What did Marie and Pierre discover? _____
5. When did she win the Nobel Prize? _____
6. Why did she invent mobile X-ray units? _____

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Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart was born in Kansas, USA, in 1897. She saw her first plane when she was 10, but she didn't like it! Later, in 1920, she flew in a plane for the first time and decided to become a pilot. In 1932, she crossed the Atlantic Ocean alone in a small plane. The flight took about 15 hours. In 1937, she tried to fly around the world, but her plane disappeared over the Pacific Ocean.

7. When did Amelia see her first plane? _____
8. What did she decide in 1920? _____
9. How did she cross the Atlantic Ocean? _____
10. How long did the flight take? _____
11. Where did her plane disappear? _____

3. Use of English

A. Choose the correct question word.

1. (Who / Where) invented the light bulb? — Thomas Edison.
2. (When / What) did Frida Kahlo paint? — Portraits of herself.
3. (Where / Why) was Mozart from? — Austria.
4. (How / When) did the Wright brothers fly for the first time? — In 1903.
5. (What / Who) instrument did Mozart play? — The piano.

B. Put the words in order to make questions.

1. did / where / live / Alexander Bell / ? → _____
2. Steve Jobs / what / invent / did / ? → _____
3. Elizabeth Blackwell / was / what / ? → _____
4. did / when / Picasso / paint / Guernica / ? → _____

C. Write questions for the underlined words.

1. Bell invented the telephone **in 1876**. → When _____?
2. **Edison** invented the light bulb. → Who _____?
3. Frida Kahlo lived **in Mexico**. → Where _____?
4. Steve Jobs started Apple **in his garage**. → Where _____?
5. Mozart played **the piano**. → What _____?
6. Elizabeth Blackwell studied medicine **because she wanted to help people**. → Why _____?

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