

# Stephen Hawking

Stephen Hawking found out a lot about space. He told people around the world what he knew. He used a wheelchair to move around and a computer to help him talk.

## When Was Stephen Born?

Stephen was born on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1942.

## Who Were His Mum and Dad?

Stephen had a dad called Frank and his mum was called Isobel. They both liked learning new things.

## Did Stephen Have Any Brothers or Sisters?

Stephen had two sisters. They were called Philippa and Mary. He had one brother and his name was Edward.

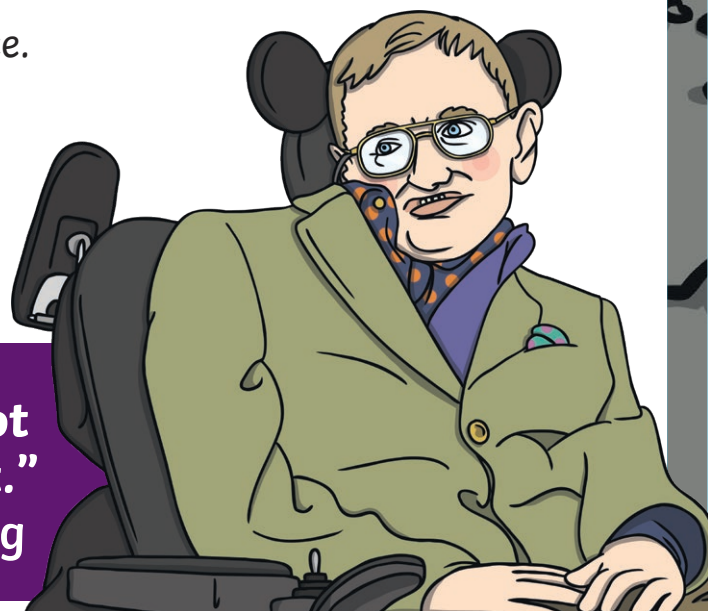
## What Did Stephen Like to Do as a Child?

- He liked to look at the stars with his mum.
- He liked to play board games.
- He liked to make things.

## What Did Stephen Find Out?

Stephen found out how the world was made and he tried to find out what will happen to the world next.

Stephen found out a lot about space.



**“Look up at the stars and not  
down at your feet.”  
– Stephen Hawking**

# Questions

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  - Stephen
  - Frank
2. What was his mum called? Tick one.
  - Phillipa
  - Isobel
  - Mary
3. What did Stephen find out a lot about? Tick one.
  - cars
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  - space
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Stephen Hawking was a scientist. A scientist is someone who works to find out more about science. Stephen found out lots of things about space and taught what he found out to others around the world. He used a wheelchair to move around and a computer to help him talk.

## Stephen's Family

Stephen was born on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1942. His dad was called Frank and his mum was called Isobel. His parents loved learning. Stephen had two sisters called Philippa and Mary and one brother called Edward.

## Stephen as a Child

Stephen always liked science. He liked to watch the stars with his mother when he was little. Stephen liked playing board games and making models. Stephen even made a computer out of an old clock when he was 16 years old!

## What Stephen Did

Stephen learned a lot about space. He found out how the universe was made. He tried to predict what might happen to it next.

Stephen worked out a lot about black holes. People said that nothing could ever come out of a black hole but Stephen said that they were wrong. Stephen found out that waves of energy can come out of black holes. Lots of people were shocked.



**“Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist.” – Stephen Hawking**

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Stephen Hawking was a scientist, teacher and author who made millions of people become interested in science. He also had a serious illness for most of his life so he used a wheelchair to move around and a computer to help him talk.

## Who Were Stephen's Parents?

Stephen was born on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1942 in Oxford. His parents were called Frank and Isobel and they both loved learning. He had two sisters called Philippa and Mary and one brother called Edward.

## Did Stephen Always Like Science?

Stephen liked science from an early age. He loved to lie on the grass in the garden and watch the stars with his mother. Stephen also liked playing board games and making model planes and boats. He built a computer out of an old clock when he was just 16 years old!

## What Did Stephen Find Out?

Stephen was very interested in black holes. People thought that nothing could ever come out of a black hole but Stephen thought they were wrong. Lots of people were shocked when Stephen found out that waves of energy can come out of black holes.

Stephen is best known for finding out a lot about how the universe was made and predicting what might happen to it in the future. Stephen wrote a book about how he thought that the universe started with the Big Bang.

**"Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious." – Stephen Hawking**



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- Oxford
- Scotland

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- travel
- spin
- talk

3. Draw **three** lines to match each question to the correct answer.

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Edward

What was the name  
of Stephen's brother?

Isobel

What was Stephen's  
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Frank

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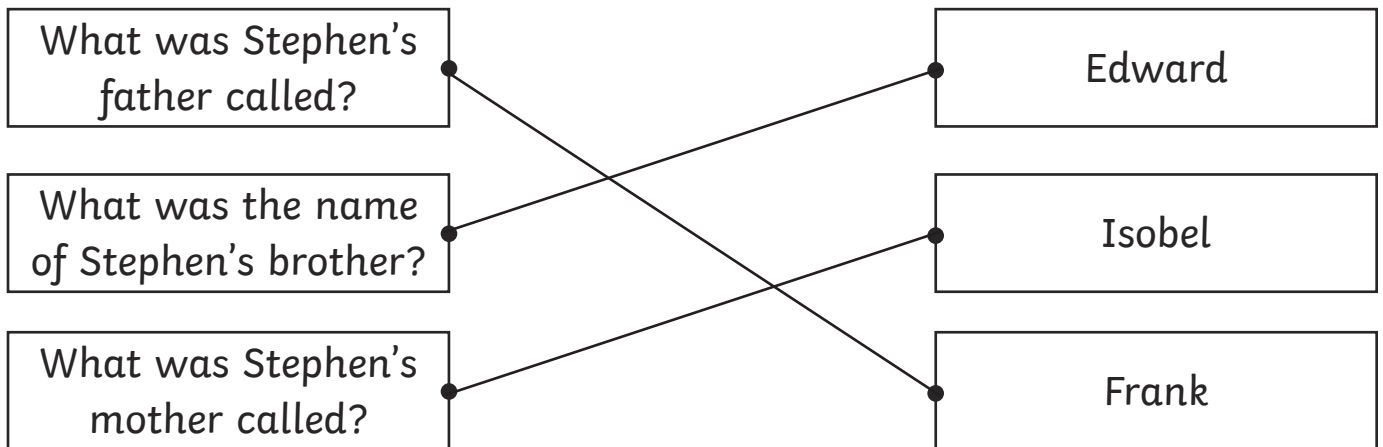
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**Accept any one of the following: science; watching the stars; playing board games; making model planes and boats; black holes; finding out about how the universe was made; predicting what might happen to the universe.**

6. **"Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet."**

Why do you think Stephen said this?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Stephen said this to get more people to think more about the world and the universe around them.**