



## MARIE CURIE

### What is she most famous for?

She is best known for her discovery of the two elements, radium and polonium, plus her contribution to the fight against cancer.

### Why is this important?

- Radium is used to produce a radioactive gas that can be used to treat some types of cancer.
- Her discoveries also lead to the improvement of x-ray machines.
- Her research was ground-breaking at the time.

### What were her other achievements?

- She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize and the first person (man or woman) to win the award twice.
- She developed mobile x-ray units that were used in the field in World War I. She drove them there herself!

### Where could your learning take you?

- Could you do some research to find out about Nobel Prizes and find who else has won them?
- What are your big questions? Could you do some research at home to find answers?
- Use the QR code to find out more about Marie Curie.

[https://www.ducksters.com/biography/women\\_leaders/marie\\_curie.php](https://www.ducksters.com/biography/women_leaders/marie_curie.php)

### KEY FACTS

<b>Born</b>	December 7, 1867 Warsaw, Poland
<b>Died</b>	July 4, 1934 (aged 66) Paris, France
<b>Nationality</b>	Polish by birth, French by marriage



Marie was born in Warsaw, Poland. She moved to Paris, France.

- She founded institutes of medical research in Paris and Warsaw, which are still there today.

