


**Not rewarding
yourself-how
does this affect
attendance,
what can you do
to reward
yourself?**



Lesson 6: Who was Marie Curie?

Marie Curie was a Polish-French scientist who won two Nobel prizes. Her work focused on radioactivity. Marie Curie was born on 7th November 1867. She was born in Warsaw, Poland, which was then under Russian rule.

Her parents valued education, but women in Poland could not get university degrees.

Curie and her sister saved enough money to study in France. In 1891, she entered the Sorbonne, a university in Paris.

In 1896, Marie began studying the phenomenon, which she named radioactivity. In 1898 the Curies (Marie and her husband) announced their discovery of radium and polonium. They named polonium after Marie's homeland of Poland.



Lesson 6: Marie Curie

- Marie became the first woman professor at the Sorbonne in 1906.
- In 1911 she won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry for isolating pure radium.
- During World War I, Marie helped build a car that carried X-ray equipment to doctors treating wounded soldiers.
- Marie did not realize that working with radioactive material could make her ill and she died on 4th July 1934.
- Her daughter carried on her work and won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1935.

