1. Marie Curie **was born** (**past indefinite passive** )in Warsaw on 7 November, 1867. Her father **was**( **past indefinite active** ) a teacher of science and mathematics in a school in the town, and from him little Maria Sklodowska - which **was** ( **past indefinite active** )her Polish name - **learned** ( **past indefinite active )**her first lessons in science. Maria's wish **was**( **past indefinite active** to study at the Sorbonne in Paris, and after many years of waiting she finally **left** ( **past indefinite active** her native land in 1891.

2. In Paris Maria **began** ( **past indefinite active** a course of hard study and simple living. She **determined** ( **past indefinite active t**o work for two Master's degrees - one in Physics, the other in Mathematics. This she **had to** (**modal verb active** )work twice as hard as the ordinary student. Yet she **had** ( **past indefinite active** scarcely enough money to live on. She **lived**( **past indefinite active** in the poorest quarter of Paris. Night after night, after her hard day's work at the University, she **got**( **past indefinite active** to her poorly furnished room and **worked** ( **past indefinite active** at her books steadily for hours, Sometimes she **had** ( **past indefinite active** no more than a bag of cherries. Though she **was**( **past indefinite active** often weak and ill, she **worked**( **past indefinite active** in this way for four years. She **had chosen** (**past perfect active** )her course and nothing **could**(**modal verb “can ”(past form ) active** ) turn her from it.

3. Among the many scientists Maria **met** and **worked** ( **past indefinite active** with in Paris **was** ( **past indefinite active** Pierre Curie. Pierre Curie, **born** ( **past indefinite active** in 1859 in Paris, **was** ( **past indefinite active** the son of a doctor, and from early childhood he **had been fascinated** (**past perfect passive** )by science.

At sixteen he **was**( **past indefinite active** a Bachelor of Science, and he **took** ( **past indefinite active** his Master's degree in Physics when he **was** ( **past indefinite active** eighteen: When he **met** ( **past indefinite active** Maria Sklodowska he **was**( **past indefinite active** thirty-five years old and **was**( **past indefinite active** famous throughout Europe for his discoveries in magnetism. But in spite of the honour he **had brought(past perfect active )** to France by his discoveries, the, French Government **could(** **modal verb “can ”(past form ) active)** only **give past indefinite active** him a very little salary as a reward, and the University of Paris **refused past indefinite active** him a laboratory of his own for his researches.