

Stephen Hawking 1942 – 2018

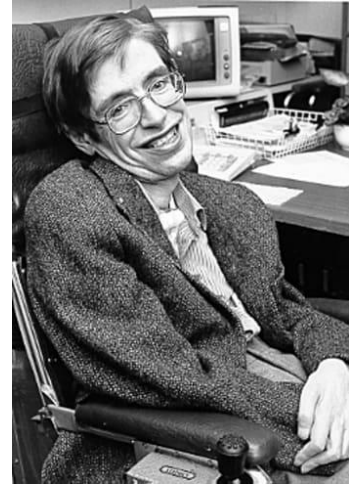
Stephen Hawking is one of the most famous scientists of modern times. Despite his challenging physical impairments, he has contributed much to the world of science, helping spread his ideas to the general public with the release of accessible books such as 'A Brief History of Time'.

He was born in Oxford in 1942.

He was an expert in **space** and **cosmology** (the science of the universe).

He said that he wanted to have a complete understanding of the universe.

He wrote best-selling **books**.



What did Stephen Hawking do?

Stephen Hawking went to both Oxford and Cambridge universities.

He discovered things about space and the universe.

When he was 21, he found out he had motor neurone disease. This affected his speech and movement.

Later, he used a wheelchair and spoke with a special computer. He controlled it by moving his cheek.

He wanted to help ordinary people understand science.

His book A Brief History of Time sold 9 million copies and made him world-famous.

His ashes are buried in Westminster Abbey in London between scientists Sir Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin.

Did you know?

He became Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge University. Isaac Newton had the same job 300 years before!

He travelled the world giving talks and signing copies of his books.

He also wrote a children's book with his daughter Lucy, called George's Secret Key to the Universe.

He appeared as himself in an episode of The Simpsons.



[To learn more about Stephen Hawking click here](#)