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1 Complete the sentences and answer the question. Choose the correct options (a, b or c).

1 Soon after Stephen's twenty-first birthday, a doctor told him that he ...

- a had a special gift.
- b had a dangerous disease.
- c would die the same year.

2 Because of Stephen, people understood that having a disability ...

- a affects your chances of going to university.
- b changes life for the better.
- c does not stop you from doing great things.

3 Stephen tried to answer difficult questions, such as ...

- a "How did the universe begin?"
- b "Where does God come from?"
- c "Why do we have gravity?"

4 How did Stephen communicate?

- a By writing on paper.
- b With a special machine built by a computer scientist.
- c With a computer that his parents gave him.

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2 Put the events from Chapter One in the correct order (1–6).

- a In 2007, Stephen travelled all over the world.
- b Stephen was born on 8th January 1942, in Oxford.
- c Stephen became a scientist.
- d Stephen studied at the University of Cambridge.
- e After 1985, Stephen's disability got worse.
- f A computer scientist built a special speaking machine for him.

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3 Put the facts about Frank and Isobel Hawking in the correct column.

studied at the University of Oxford	worked in an office and did not like the job
lived in London	had a job researching tropical diseases
made Stephen a wooden train	went to Oxford in 1942 because it was safer for Stephen
decided not to become a farmer	worked in a doctor's surgery

Frank Hawking	Both Frank and Isobel	Isobel Hawking

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4 Complete the sentences. Choose the correct options below (a, b or c).

- The family a lot of money and Frank decided he did not want to be a farmer.
- Isobel met Frank at work and they married 1941.
- There were no bombs in Oxford, so it was a place to have a baby.
- Stephen remember one difficult thing from the first years of his life.
- Stephen did not learn to read and write he was eight years old.
- A bomb fell their house in Highgate.
- Stephen's father liked to make things, and when Stephen was he liked to make things, too.
- A few years later, Stephen had money of his own.

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| 1 a loss | b lost | c lose |
| 2 a in | b on | c at |
| 3 a safest | b more safe | c safer |
| 4 a can | b could | c should |
| 5 a until | b by | c when |
| 6 a near | b nearly | c nearer |
| 7 a old | b older | c oldest |
| 8 a some | b any | c a lot |

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5 Complete the text with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

Stephen ¹..... (**be**) about eight years old when his family ²..... (**move**) from London to the city of St Albans, a little way to the north of London. His parents ³..... (**buy**) a big house there, but it ⁴..... (**need**) a lot of work before they could live in it. Frank ⁵..... (**think**) that they did not have enough money to ⁶..... (**pay**) people to do the work, so he ⁷..... (**try**) to do it all himself. But Frank ⁸..... (**not be**) very good at some of these jobs!

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6 Correct the sentences about Chapter Three.

1 Everybody knew if Stephen was home or out with his friends.

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2 During the winter, Stephen went with his family to a town by the sea.

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3 One year, Stephen's father went to Asia for his research on tropical diseases.

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4 Stephen did badly in the eleven plus exam.

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5 Stephen always worked very hard at school.

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6 Stephen and his friends were very interested in biology.

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7 Complete the text. Choose the correct answers (a, b, c or d).

In ¹ **a his** last year at Oxford, Stephen fell over ² **a many** . He was ³ **a nearly** worried
b her **b some** **b very**
c their **c any** **c hardly**
d our **d a lot** **d often**

because he ⁴ **a was falling** over quite ⁵ **a always** and he decided ⁶ **a would see** a doctor.
b will fall **b sometimes** **b see**
c fallen **c often** **c seeing**
d falls **d never** **d to see**

But the doctor was not worried. He thought that maybe Stephen was like many other students and he

just ⁷ **a** drank too much!

- b** drunk
- c** drank
- d** drink

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8 Complete the sentences. Choose the correct words from the box.

steer chemistry earthquake bored insects postcard physics doctor

- 1 Frank Hawking wanted his son to become a like him.
- 2 Stephen did not like the in his father’s laboratory because they frightened him.
- 3 Stephen thought was a bit boring at school because it was very easy for him.
- 4 Stephen liked classes because sometimes exciting things happened in the laboratory.
- 5 The first year at Oxford did not go well because he did not make friends and was with his work.
- 6 Stephen’s job in the boat was to sit at the back and it.
- 7 While Stephen and his friend were in Iran, there was a bad
- 8 Stephen’s family only knew he was safe when they got his

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9 Read the text. Choose the correct answers below (Right, Wrong or Does not say).

We use muscles to move and to speak, and motor neurones control these muscles. If you have motor neurone disease (MND), the motor neurones slowly stop working and the muscles do not work any more – they get weaker and weaker. Our mind controls many of our muscles, but the disease stops these muscles working. Doctors understand some things about the disease, but they cannot stop it. Usually, people with MND do not live very long.

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| 1 We use muscles to live and work. | Right | Wrong | Does not say |
| 2 If you have MND, the motor neurones start working better. | Right | Wrong | Does not say |
| 3 Our mind controls many muscles in the body. | Right | Wrong | Does not say |
| 4 Stephen feels very sad when he finds out he has MND. | Right | Wrong | Does not say |
| 5 Doctors understand the disease well and can help patients. | Right | Wrong | Does not say |
| 6 People with MND often live long healthy lives. | Right | Wrong | Does not say |
| 7 MND can make people very unhappy. | Right | Wrong | Does not say |

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13 Complete the sentences. Choose the correct words from the box. There are two extra words.

be can might airports have because for don't

- 1 "A good book about black holes sell really well," Stephen thought.
- 2 "I want my book to for scientists. I want people to buy my book in, " Stephen said.
- 3 Someone asked Stephen, " you do the maths travelling in time?"

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14 Read the questions and choose the correct answers (a, b or c).

- 1 What happened to Stephen and Jane?
 - a They had five more children.
 - b They got divorced.
 - c They moved to the USA.
- 2 Why wasn't Stephen happy with the film *A Brief History of Time*?
 - a Because it was too difficult for people to understand.
 - b Because there was too much science in it.
 - c Because there was a lot about his family and not much science.
- 3 What did Stephen do for his sixtieth birthday?
 - a He went up in a balloon.
 - b He went on a boat trip.
 - c He went into space.
- 4 What new research did Stephen do at the end of his life?
 - a Research into intelligent life.
 - b Research into the stars.
 - c Research into how the universe will end.

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15 Unscramble the sentences.

1 easy / wanted / He / to write / in / language. / the book

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2 at / home / were / Things / more / difficult / now.

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3 in / Stephen / 1995. / and / divorced / Jane

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16 Write *Stephen, Elaine or Jane*.

- 1 organized a special hot air balloon ride.
- 2 received an award from Queen Elizabeth II.
- 3 divorced Stephen in 1995.
- 4 was in zero gravity for a few minutes.
- 5 said "The smile on his face was beautiful."

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17 Tick the three things that Stephen does not say at the Paralympic Games in 2012.

- a "Look up at the stars ... "
- b "You should study physics!"
- c "Black holes are very dangerous."
- d "... don't look down at your feet."
- e "The universe is magical ... "

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18 Match the dates with the events. Draw lines between them.

- 1942 a At the age of seventeen, Stephen becomes a student at the University of Oxford.
- 1959 b Stephen Hawking is born in Oxford on 8th January.
- 1962 c Stephen writes *A Brief History of Time: From the Big Bang to Black Holes*.
He becomes very famous.
- 1974 d Stephen meets Jane Wilde at a Cambridge party and falls in love.
- 1988 e Stephen works for a year at the California Institute of Technology.

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19 Put the words in the correct column.

disability adopt invent physics control radiation

Verbs	Nouns

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20 Match the words with the definitions. Draw lines between them.

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| <p>1 weak</p> <p>2 space</p> <p>3 tropical</p> <p>4 invent</p> <p>5 astronomer</p> <p>6 earthquake</p> | <p>a From the hottest and wettest parts of the world.</p> <p>b To think of and make a new thing.</p> <p>c The place outside Earth. The sun and the moon are there.</p> <p>d This person studies space.</p> <p>e When the ground moves and sometimes buildings fall down.</p> <p>f Not strong.</p> |
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