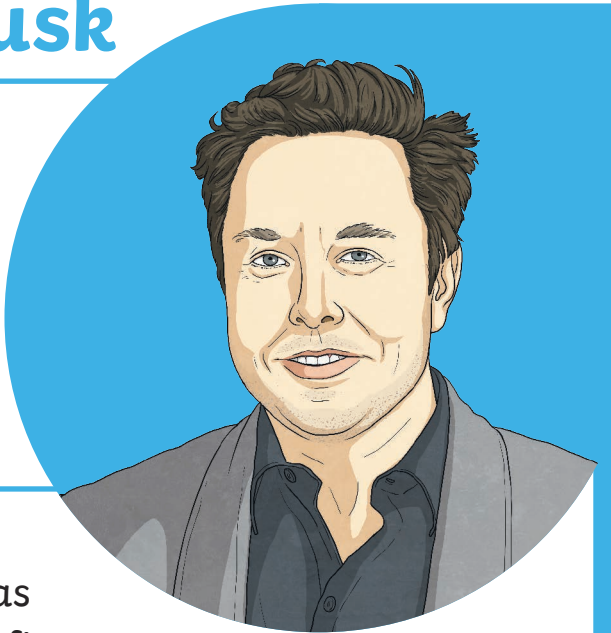


Elon Musk

Elon Musk was born on the 28th June 1971 in Pretoria, South Africa. After he finished high school at Pretoria Boys High, he went to study overseas in Canada and the USA. He studied Science and Economics.



From a young age, he was already a great businessman. By the time he was 28 years old, he had already sold his first successful company Zip2 for millions of dollars!

He started and sold two more companies, X.com and PayPal, and sold them for billions of dollars!

Elon wanted to successfully prove that electric cars and renewable energy for houses was even better than traditional engines and electricity from a power station.

So Elon started a new company called Tesla. Tesla have developed a roof which can power a whole house using energy from the sun, as well as some of the world's best electric cars. Tesla cars are kind to the environment and have some amazing technology.

Tesla's Model S car includes an autopilot that allows the car to steer, accelerate and brake on its own! It can safely follow road markings and make sure there is a safe distance between its self and other cars. The Model S also watches traffic using its sensors so that it will only change lanes when it is safe to do so.





SpaceX

SpaceX was also started by Elon in 2002. He wanted to reduce the cost of space travel so that people could one day travel to and live on Mars.

SpaceX have made and launched rockets that have delivered satellites into space and sent supplies to the International Space Station.

On the 30th May 2020, NASA and SpaceX launched two astronauts, Robert Behnken and Doug Hurley in the Dragon Crew Capsule attached to a Falcon 9 rocket built by SpaceX.

Questions

1. Name any two of the business' that Elon Musk has had.

2. Elon wanted to prove that electric cars and renewable energy was better than fuel engines. What company did he start to prove this?

3. How did Elon make the money he used to start Tesla?

4. Which two items did Tesla build?

5. What car did Tesla build that has an autopilot?

6. Give one reason why Elon started SpaceX?

7. Which two astronauts were sent to the ISS in May 2020?

8. What do the astronauts spend their time in space doing?

9. Which of these words do you think can be used to describe Elon?

Put a ring around the words.

Lazy

Clever

Creative

Grumpy

10. Would you like to join the SpaceX mission to Mars? Give a reason for your answer.

Answers

1. Tesla, SpaceX, PayPal, Zip2 and X.com
2. Tesla
3. He sold PayPal, X.com and Zip2 for millions and used that money
4. A solar roof and energy saving cars
5. The Model S car
6. He wanted to reduce the cost of space travel so that people could one day travel to and live on Mars.
7. Robert Behnken and Doug Hurley
8. They carried out experiments
9. Clever, creative
10. Own opinion