WHICH MAD SCIENTIST ARE YOU?

Are you willing to sacrifice your health/safety/life for your experiments?

- Of course! A true scientist should be willing to collect saliva from a rabid dog with his own mouth or expose herself to radiation poisoning.
- No way! I'll stick to things that can be worked out on paper.

Do other people try to take credit for your work?

- Never! I want everyone to know how clever I am. After all I've worked hard for the glory.
- All the time! People always assume my work was done by someone else (usually a man!).

Do you care about being popular and adored?

- Yes, I am very charming and like to be the centre of attention.
- No, I prefer to focus on my work and am happy in my own company.

Would you prefer to work in a lab or out in the field?

- I'd like to explore the world by ship for five years gathering samples for my work.
- I'd rather work from my own, clean laboratory in Paris. Preferably alone.

Is your family full of scientists or are you the odd one out?

- Five members of my family have won Nobel Prizes (I won two!).
- My father was a famous poet, but my mother pushed me to do mathematics so I didn't turn out like him.

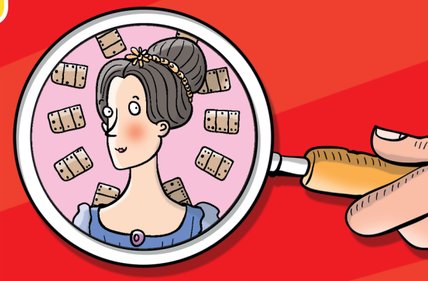
Do you always turn up on time for school and do well in all your lessons?

- Yes. I excel at everything and have even been described as "alarmingly clever"!
- No. I don't enjoy school and hate how strict it is. I prefer learning in my own way.

You're **Charles Darwin** (1809–1882)
You are the British naturalist and geologist famous for your theories of evolution and natural selection. You discovered that people are descended from apes. You travelled round the world by ship to study fossils and skeletons (even though you got very seasick!).

You're **Louis Pasteur** (1822–1895)
You are the famous French chemist and microbiologist who studied germs. You created a vaccine for rabies (by testing it on a 9-yr-old boy!) and persuaded doctors to clean their hands before surgery. You also developed a technique for stopping milk going off – now called Pasteurization after you.

You're **Marie Curie** (1867–1934)
You are the amazing scientist who studied radioactivity. You discovered two new elements (polonium and radium) and were the first woman to win a Nobel Prize. Sadly, you didn't realize how dangerous your experiments were and died of radiation poisoning.



You're **Ada Lovelace** (1815–1852)
You are the world's first computer programmer. You worked with Charles Babbage on his early computer, but you had much more vision than all the men. Your father was the famous poet, Lord Byron. The computer language 'Ada' is named after you. You are very well off, and marry an Earl.

You're **Rosalind Franklin** (1920–1958)
You are the British chemist who was involved in the discovery of the structure of DNA. You should have won a Nobel Prize, but you died young and the men hogged the limelight.

You're **Albert Einstein** (1879–1955)
You are the famous German physicist who came up with the Theory of Relativity. You moved to America to escape the Nazis. You won a Nobel Prize in 1921. You were also very musical, and played the violin and piano. Your name is now used to mean 'genius'.