

# Elon Musk: Innovator and Tech Guru

## Questions:

1. What century are we currently living in?
2. Find an adjective in par. 1 that we use to refer to something that has never happened before.
3. Do you know what “prominently” means? (Par. 1)
4. Find a noun in par. 1 that means a state of having power.
5. Where was Elon Musk born?
6. Do you know someone in Pretoria, South Arica?
7. In what year was he rated the most innovative person?
8. Find an adjective in par. 2 that means “separated” or “disconnected”.
9. What does it mean if something or someone is “innovative”? (Par. 2)
10. What does the acronym CEO stand for?
11. When was Tesla Incorporated established?
12. What connection does the writer make between Nikola Tesla and Elon Musk?
13. Find a phrase in par. 3 that means a funny or strange fact in history.
14. Do you know someone you could describe as “eccentric”? (Par. 3) Is this a good or a bad thing?
15. Find an adverb in par. 3 that means “quickly”.
16. Name two of the aims of SpaceX.
17. How has this company affected the way people think about space travel?
18. Find an adjective in par. 4 that means “very strange”.
19. Do you know any synonyms for “enthusiasm”? (Par. 4)

20. What was the inspiration for the A-12 in the child's name?
21. What do you think of this child's name?
22. What part of speech is "eccentricity"? (Par. 5)
23. Find two other words of this part of speech in the last paragraph.

**Answers:**

1. The 21<sup>st</sup> century.
2. Unprecedented
3. Obviously, or in a way that stands out.
4. Supremacy
5. Pretoria, South Africa
6. Open answer.
7. 2019
8. Estranged
9. Creative, able to generate new ideas
10. Chief Executive Officer
11. 2003
12. They are both innovative and brilliant people.
13. Quirk of history.
14. Open answer: eccentric can be used negatively or positively depending on context.
15. Rapidly
16. Colonizing Mars and making space travel cheaper.
17. It has made people interested in it again.
18. Outlandish
19. Excitement, desire, interest
20. The A-12 aircraft which was the precursor to the SR-71 Blackbird.

21. Open answer.

22. Abstract noun.

23. Uncertainty, stability, tradition, innovation, combination.

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