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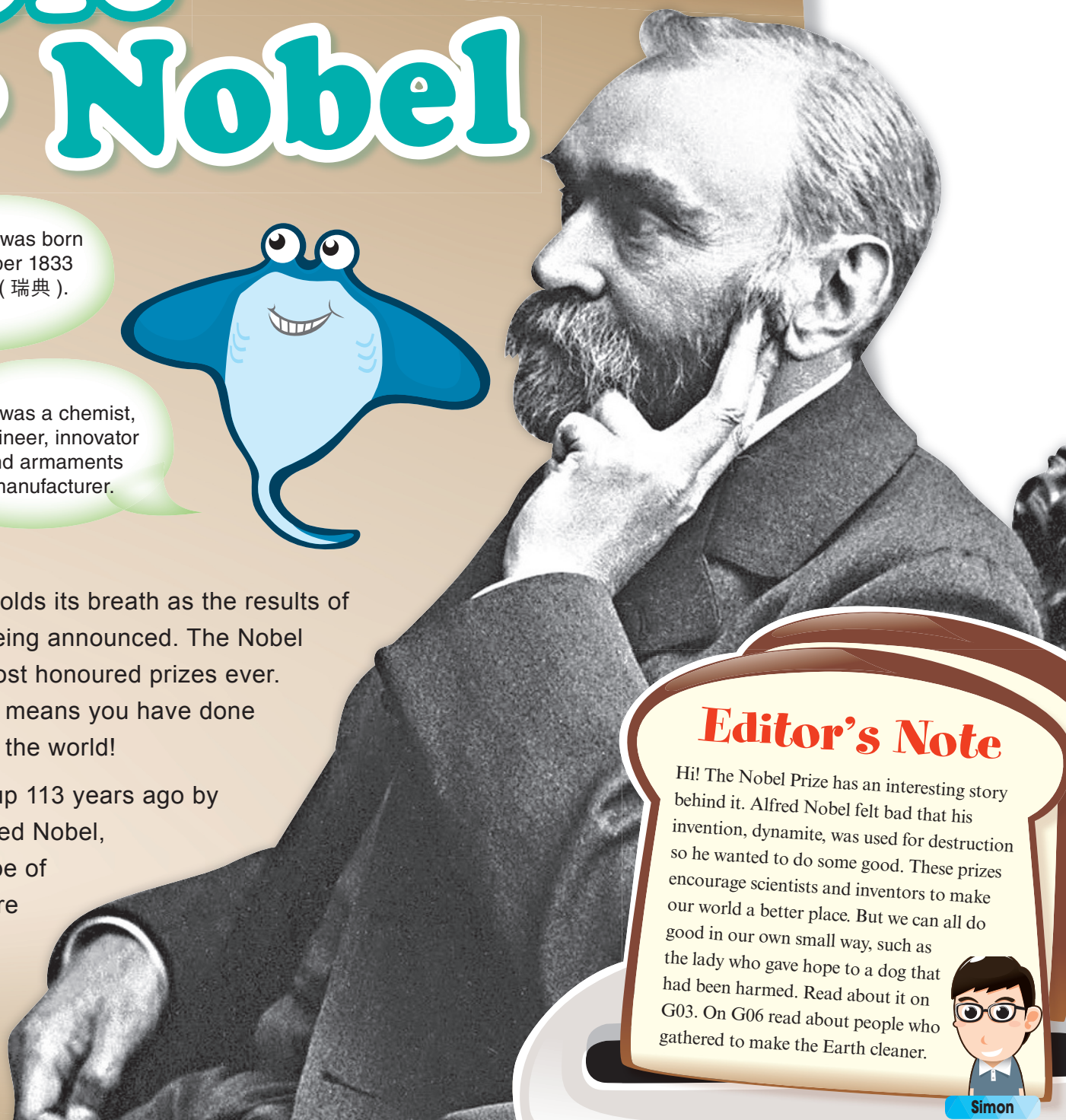
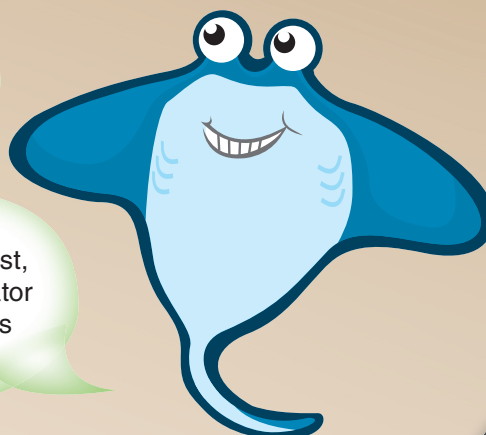
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Noble Mr Nobel



Alfred Nobel was born
on 21 October 1833
in Sweden (瑞典).

He was a chemist,
engineer, innovator
and armaments
manufacturer.



THIS week, the world holds its breath as the results of the Nobel Prize are being announced. The Nobel Prizes are some of most honoured prizes ever. If you win a Nobel Prize, that means you have done something really amazing for the world!

The Nobel Prize was set up 113 years ago by a wealthy inventor called Alfred Nobel, who invented dynamite (a type of explosive). He left a will before he passed away. In the will, he wanted the Nobel Prize to be set up to give his money as a reward to significant people.

Editor's Note

Hi! The Nobel Prize has an interesting story behind it. Alfred Nobel felt bad that his invention, dynamite, was used for destruction so he wanted to do some good. These prizes encourage scientists and inventors to make our world a better place. But we can all do good in our own small way, such as the lady who gave hope to a dog that had been harmed. Read about it on G03. On G06 read about people who gathered to make the Earth cleaner.



Simon



The Nobel categories

Alfred Nobel originally wanted to set up prizes for five different fields: Physics, Chemistry, Literature, Physiology or Medicine, and Peace.

Many years later, people added one more field in memory of the inventor – the Economic Sciences prize. Let us find out what the prizes reward:

Physics

This is a **science** subject about **matter** and energy.



Chemistry



This studies how things are created and how they react with each other.

Literature

It is all about creative writing, such as stories and poems.



Physiology or Medicine



This subject studies living creatures.

Peace

This prize is for people who have worked hard to help others.



Economic Sciences



This is a subject about how people spend **resources**.



Nobel laureates

Between 1901 and 2013, 851 **laureates** and 25 **organisations** have been awarded the Nobel Prize.



851 laureates



25 organisations



561 prizes – some shared between two or three laureates

1901

2013



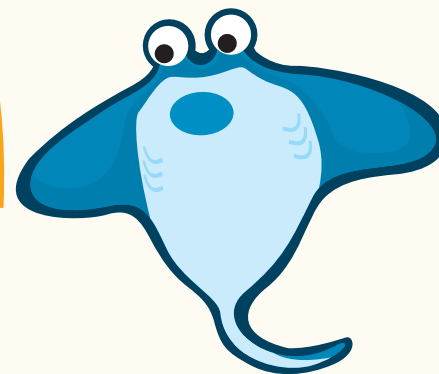
Female laureates

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Women have been awarded 45 Nobel Prizes. That is less than 8 percent of the prizes! Marie Curie has been awarded two Nobel Prizes – for Physics in 1903 and Chemistry in 1911.

I hope many more women are recognised for their work in the future.



Laureates ages

The **average** age of a Nobel laureate is 59 years old.

The youngest laureate is Lawrence Bragg who won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1915. He was 25 years old then.

The oldest laureate is Leonid Hurwicz who won the Economic Sciences prize in 2007, aged 90.

