

## **2.4. An Epitome of Courage**

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- Stephen Hawking

ह्या धड्यामध्ये महान शास्त्रज्ञ स्टीफन हॉकिंग ह्यांचे जीवन किती संकटांनी भरलेले होते व त्यावर त्यांनी कशी मात केली हे सांगितलेले आहे.

### **Lesson summary**

This is the story of a great scientist- Stephen Hawking. He was born on 8th January 1942 in London. He studied physics at Oxford university.

He was suffering from a rare disease- ALS. This disease affects the nervous system and makes all muscles weak. Stephen Hawking started becoming weak when he was only seventeen years old. He fell down many times. He could not write properly. He had no control over his body.

But, he was a brilliant scientist. He continued his research. Soon he could not walk and had to use a wheelchair. He could move only one finger. He used to work on a computer using that finger.

Stephen Hawking completed Ph.D. He explained many difficult concepts in a simple way that everyone could understand. He got many awards. He wrote many books. 'A Brief History of Time' was his most popular book. Several crores of copies of this book were sold.