


## Meet a Scientist: Dr. Maggie Teliska-Parke

Meet Dr. Maggie Teliska-Parke. She is a **battery scientist**.

Batteries power your phone and computer. They provide power for many toys! You have probably seen small batteries that look like this → .

Batteries can come in all shapes and sizes. Maggie works with big batteries that help power entire cities and towns!



The big batteries Maggie works with store power from renewable energy sources, like the wind and sun. Maggie's job is to make sure that the batteries are reliable and safe.

Batteries hold a special place in Maggie's heart — literally! Maggie has a pacemaker that keeps her heart beating. The pacemaker is powered by a battery.

### What was Maggie's childhood like?

Maggie grew up in New York. One year she got a chemistry kit as a gift and did every experiment in the kit! Maggie also enjoyed crafts and learned to crochet from her grandmother.



*Maggie with her cat named Tiger.*

When Maggie was young, she enjoyed writing stories. However, some of Maggie's teachers told her she was not a good writer. Maggie did not let this negativity stop her. She continued writing stories and even entered and did well in writing contests!

**Maggie hopes you find batteries interesting too!**