

Unit 9: Changing Technology

Bill Gates: A Journey of Success and Giving

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Bill Gates was born in 1955 in Seattle, Washington. He and his family had a good life. When he was at school, he was a good student. He loved to read books and study science. He also enjoyed solving problems.

One day, Gates' school got a computer. At that time, computers were very big and expensive. Many schools did not have them. Gates and his friends were very excited. They spent many hours using the computer, and they learned how to write computer programs. They became very good at this new **task**.

Gates wanted to learn more. He went to Harvard University. But he did not **attend** all his classes. He spent most of his time working on computers. He had a friend named Paul Allen. They both had big dreams.

In 1975, Gates and Allen started a company called Microsoft. Their goal was to make computers easy to use. At that time, computers were difficult for most people. The instructions were often **unclear**. Microsoft made a new program called MS-DOS. This program helped more people use computers. Later, they created Windows. In Windows, users could click on a picture to do a task. This **method** was much easier and more **effective** than MS-DOS.

Gates worked very hard. He had to **organize** many things. He made big decisions for the company. He wanted his workers to do their best. He always looked for ways to **improve** the company and its products.

By the 1990s, Microsoft was very successful. Many people bought computers with Windows. The company grew very fast, and some people worried that Microsoft was too powerful. The government looked at Microsoft to make sure it was fair to other companies.

In 2000, Gates stopped being the leader of Microsoft. He wanted to go **beyond** business and make a positive change in the world. He was the richest man in the world, and he wanted to use his money to help others. He and his wife, Melinda, started the Gates Foundation. Gates They worked on big problems like health, education, and clean water.

Gates loved learning new things. He read many books. He believed that education was a good **exercise** for the mind. He wanted students to have more chances to learn. He gave money to schools and teachers.

Today, Gates continues to work on global problems. He helps stop diseases. He gives money to fight climate change. He looks for new methods to make life better for people around the world. He is still one of the richest men in the world. However, for him, money is not the most important thing. Gates believes computers and education can change the world. He says learning is the best way to grow. He tells young people to work hard. He says they should find a **specific** goal and work toward it. Bill Gates' life shows that one person can do

big things. He started with a small dream, worked hard, and became very successful. Now, he spends his time helping the world.

Questions

1. Where was Bill Gates born?
 - A) Boston
 - B) Seattle
 - C) New York
 - D) Los Angeles
2. What subject did Gates enjoy in school?
 - A) Art
 - B) Music
 - C) History
 - D) Science
3. What did Gates do when his school got a computer?
 - A) He played a lot of computer games.
 - B) He taught others to write computer programs.
 - C) He learned how to write computer programs.
 - D) He started a computer company.
4. Why didn't Gates attend all his classes at Harvard?
 - A) He was busy working with computers.
 - B) He wanted to study with his friend, Paul Allen
 - C) He was writing a book about computer programming
 - D) He thought the subjects were boring.
5. What was the goal of Microsoft?
 - A) To make computers easy to use
 - B) To sell books about computers online
 - C) To build a new kind of computer
 - D) To help students study computer programming
6. How was Windows different from MS-DOS?
 - A) Windows was more expensive than MS-DOS.
 - B) Windows had pictures and was easier to use
 - C) MS-DOS had better colors and was easier to use.
 - D) Windows was more difficult but faster.
7. What did some people worry about in the 1990s?
 - A) They worried that Microsoft was losing money.
 - B) They worried that Gates wanted to sell Microsoft.
 - C) They worried that Microsoft was too powerful.
 - D) They worried that Gates wanted to leave Microsoft.
8. What did Gates do after leaving Microsoft?
 - A) He became a doctor.
 - B) He went back to school.
 - C) He started a Microsoft university.
 - D) He started the Gates Foundation.
9. What does Gates believe is important for young people?
 - A) Traveling around the world
 - B) Learning about the world
 - C) Working hard and becoming rich
 - D) Finding and reaching a goal
10. What is Bill Gates doing now?

- A) He is teaching at Harvard University.
- B) He is writing a book about world history.
- C) He is helping solve global problems.
- D) He is building a new computer company.