

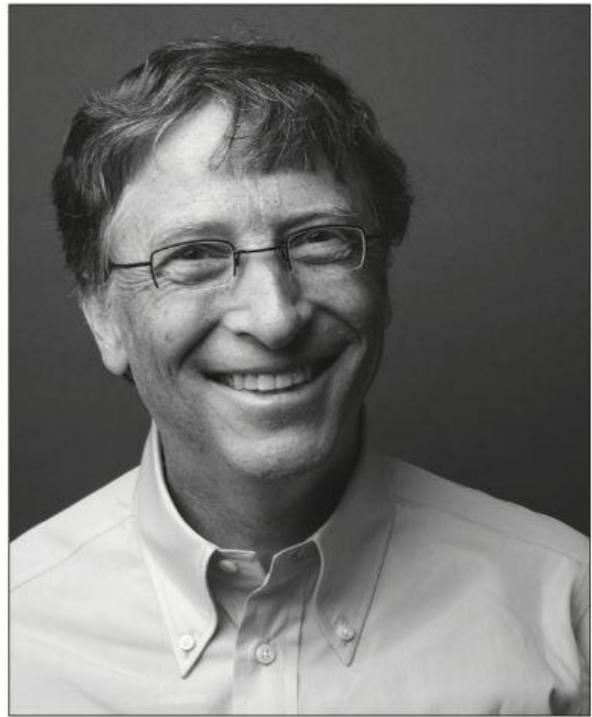
# Bill Gates: An American success story

**B**ill Gates was born in October 1955. As a child, he <sup>1</sup>*lived/has lived* in Seattle in the US and <sup>2</sup>*went/has been* to Lakeside School. At the school, he <sup>3</sup>*met/has met* Paul Allen and they <sup>4</sup>*became/have become* friends. In 1970, they went into business together, and in 1975 they <sup>5</sup>*formed/have formed* Microsoft®. Bill Gates then launched Windows® in 1985.

He met his wife Melinda in 1987. They <sup>6</sup>*got/have got* married in Hawaii and have been happily married ever since.

In 1988, Gates and his wife started to build a large house in Medina. It <sup>7</sup>*took/has taken* seven years to complete. He and his family moved into the house in 1995.

He <sup>8</sup>*became/has become* one of the world's richest people, and he <sup>9</sup>*received/has received* many awards for his charity work. In February 2014, he <sup>10</sup>*left/has left* his job as chairman of Microsoft® and now focuses on his charitable work for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Gates <sup>11</sup>*gave/has given* billions of dollars to charity, and



he <sup>12</sup>*often said/has often said* that he will give half of all his money to charity. The foundation <sup>13</sup>*supported/has supported* projects around the world which fight diseases, such as malaria and polio.

However, he still has time for fun, and he <sup>14</sup>*appeared/has appeared* on TV! He <sup>15</sup>*starred/has starred* in an episode of *The Big Bang Theory* in 2018.