

## Reading

The man who started Microsoft, Bill Gates, has predicted that by 2035, there **are going to** be almost no poor countries in the world. Today, the World Bank says there are 35 poor countries. Most of the people who live in them are on low or no incomes. Gates said that nearly all these countries **are going to** be richer in the next 20 years. He wrote: "Every nation in South America, Asia, and Central America (with the possible exception of Haiti), and most in coastal Africa **are going to** join the ranks of today's middle-income nations." He added: "When I was born, most countries in the world were poor. In the next two decades desperately poor countries **are going to** become the exception rather than the rule."

Mr Gates said some countries **are going to** still be poor. These include North Korea, Haiti and nations in central Africa. He said the good news was that: "Nearly 90% **are going to** have a higher income than India does today." He believes countries **are going to** become richer by copying their more successful neighbours. Countries **are going to** benefit from new medicines, better seeds for farmers, and the Internet. Gates said many countries that were very poor just a few decades ago are now doing well. He said China, India, Brazil and Botswana were poor thirty years ago but now have growing economies. He said there was still a lot of work to do and that, "more than one billion people live in extreme poverty, so it's not time to celebrate".

### Answer true (T) or false (F)

- a. The founder of Microsoft predicted countries **are going to** get richer.
- b. The World Bank says there are 38 poor countries in the world today.
- c. It says in the article Haiti **is going to be** poor in 20 years from now.
- d. Bill Gates said most countries were poor when he was born.
- e. Mr. Gates said North Korea **is going to** become a rich country in 20 years.
- f. Countries **are going to** get richer by copying countries that have become rich.
- g. The economy in Botswana is getting smaller.
- h. Bill Gates said we should all be celebrating.