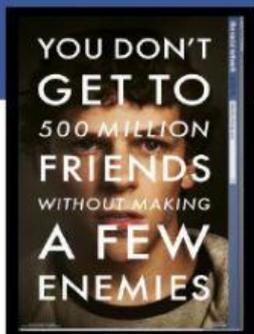


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Mark Zuckerberg: Biography

Born on May 14, 1984, in New York. Since starting the social networking website *Facebook*, Mark Zuckerberg 1 _____ (help) revolutionize the way people, and even businesses, interact and connect with each other online. He 2 _____ (come) from a comfortable, well-educated background. His father ran a dental practice at the family's home. His mother 3 _____ (work) a psychiatrist (chuyên gia tâm thần) before the birth of the couple's four children but gave up work to look after the family.

Zuckerberg developed an interest in computers at an early age. While he 4 _____ (study) at Harvard he (begin) work on his own social network, which later 5 _____ (become) known as *Facebook*. Before this, some of his fellow students 6 _____ (ask) him to work on a social networking site called *Harvard Connection* but Zuckerberg 7 _____ (drop) their project to work on *Facebook* instead. The creators of *Harvard Connection* 8 _____ (since claim) that Zuckerberg stole their idea, while Zuckerberg 9 _____ (always maintain) that they are two very different types of social networks. Although an initial settlement 10 _____ (reach) between the two parties in 2008, the legal dispute over this matter remains ongoing.

Facebook 11 _____ (co-found) by Dustin Moskovitz, Chris Hughes, and Eduardo Saverin. The group ran the site, first called *thefacebook.com*, out of a dorm room at Harvard. However, by August 2004 Zuckerberg 12 _____ (drop) out of college to devote himself to *Facebook* full time, moving the company to California.

By December 2004, *Facebook* had 1 million users. By December 2005 *Facebook* had more than 5.5 million users. There are now more than 500 million users on *Facebook*. Zuckerberg 13 _____ (turn down) offers from Yahoo! and MTV Networks who want to buy the network site; instead he 14 _____ (focus) on growing the site, continuously adding more features to Facebook.

In 2010, the film *The Social Network* 15 _____ (release) which charts the creation of *Facebook*. It 16 _____ (base on) the 2003 book *The Accidental Billionaires* by Ben Mezrich. Zuckerberg's life story 17 _____ (tell) in an upcoming comic book by Bluewater Productions Inc.

According to *Forbes* magazine, Zuckerberg is worth approximately \$6.9 billion, surpassing even Apple founder Steve Jobs.

Adapted from www.biography.com/articles/Mark-Zuckerberg

Discussion:

Are you addicted to Facebook? How often do you use it? How long do spend on the site?

How many of your Facebook friends have you met online? Do you 'friend' people you've never met?

What are the pro's and con's of using Facebook?