

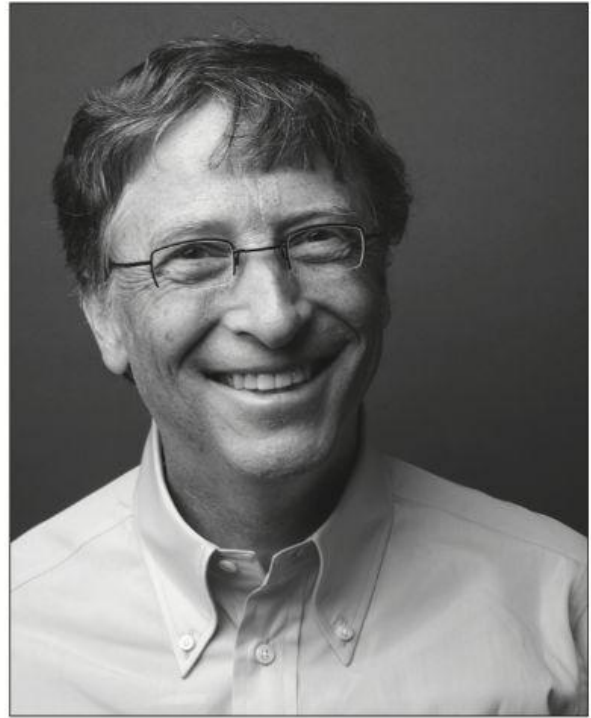
Bill Gates: An American success story

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

He met his wife Melinda in 1987. They ⁶*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 ⁷*took/has taken* seven years to complete. He and his family moved into the house in 1995.

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



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

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