# Bill Gates' biography

**Listen to the biography and fill the blank spaces using the following phrases:**

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| he is one- interested in a computer- was in charge – he had a vision - governments and other organizations - young age - turned it into - started his own - charitable foundation - modern life. |

William Henry Gates III was born on October 28, 1955. [1] _____ world's richest people and perhaps the most successful businessman ever. He co-founded the software giant Microsoft and [2] _____ the world's largest software company. He is the best-known entrepreneur of the PC revolution. He has also written two best-selling books and [3] _____ charity with his wife.

Gates was fascinated with electronics from a [4] _____. In 1975 he read about a small technology company. He contacted them to see if they were [5]_____ programme he had written. This led to the creation of Microsoft. Gates later struck a deal with IBM that put Microsoft's Windows on IBM computers. This deal made Microsoft a major player in the IT industry.

Gates [6]_____ at Microsoft from 1975 until 2006. He was an active software developer at the beginning. [7]_____ that computers could change everyone's life. He helped make this vision come true and developed many products that are now part of [8]_____. His management style has been studied and copied around the world.

Gates stepped down as Microsoft CEO in June 2008. He now spends his time his wife, Melinda, focusing on their [9]_____. They provide funds for global problems are ignores by [10]_____. 'Time' magazine voted Gates as one of the biggest influences of the 20th Century. Scientists named the Bill Gates flower fly after him.

## Paragraphs 1 and 2

**Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right.**

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| 1. | richest | *a.* | formation |
| 2 | giant | *b.* | interested |
| 3. | entrepreneur | *c.* | agreement |
| 4. | fascinated | *d.* | monster |
| 5. | creation | *e.* | wealthiest |
| 6. | deal | *f.* | businessman |

## Paragraphs 3 and 4

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| 7. | beginning | *g.* | quit |
| 8. | vision | *h.* | passed over |
| 9. | style | *i.* | dream |
| 10. | stepped down | *j.* | give |
| 11 | provide | *k* | start |
| 12 | ignored | *l* | approach |