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Part I. Read the following information.

William Henry "Bill" Gates III (born October 28, 1955) is an American business magnate, investor, programmer, inventor, and philanthropist. Gates is the former chief executive and current chairman of Microsoft, the world's largest personal-computer software company, which he co-founded with Paul Allen.

He is consistently ranked in the Forbes list of the world's wealthiest people and was the wealthiest overall from 1995 to 2009.

During his career at Microsoft, Gates held the positions of CEO and chief software architect, and remains the largest individual shareholder, with 6.4 percent of the common stock. He has also authored and co-authored several books.

Gates is one of the best-known entrepreneurs of the personal computer revolution. Gates has been criticized for his business tactics, which have been considered anti-competitive, an opinion which has in some cases been upheld by the courts. In the later stages of his career, Gates has pursued a number of philanthropic endeavors, donating large amounts of money to various charitable organizations and scientific research programs through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, established in 2000.

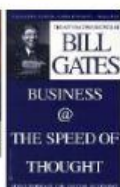
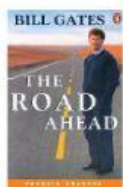
Gates stepped down as chief executive officer of Microsoft in January 2000. He remained as chairman and created the position of chief software architect for himself. Gates's last full-time day at Microsoft was June 27, 2008. He remains at Microsoft as chairman.



Part II. Answer the questions.

1. Who is Bill Gates? _____.
2. Is Gates the chief executive of Microsoft? _____.
3. What has Gates done during his career? _____.
4. What did he do in 2000? _____.
5. Has he sold books? _____.
6. Why has Gates been criticized? _____.
7. What has Gates done to pursue philanthropic endeavors?
_____.
8. What have you done that Bill Gates hasn't? _____.

Part III. Make some sentences about Bill Gates using the following information (images). Use the Present Perfect tense.



Part IV. Write about a different personality or important person's accomplishments (your father / mother, an athlete, a business person, etc.) and share it with the class. Use present perfect in your report.

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