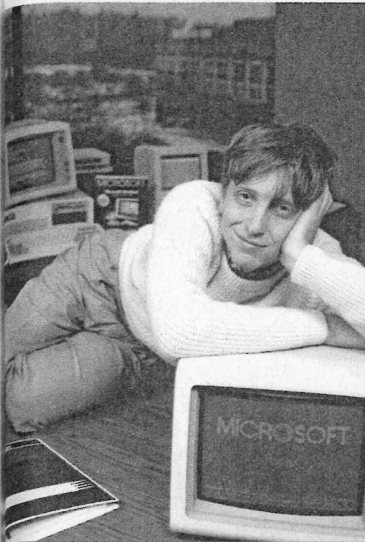


Reading

- 1 **★** **🎧** 182 Leggi e ascolta il testo e segna l'affermazione corretta relativa a Bill Gates.

Bill Gates...

- a wrote books.
- b developed software.
- c invented the computer.



BILL GATES

MY HERO *by Sophie Leung*

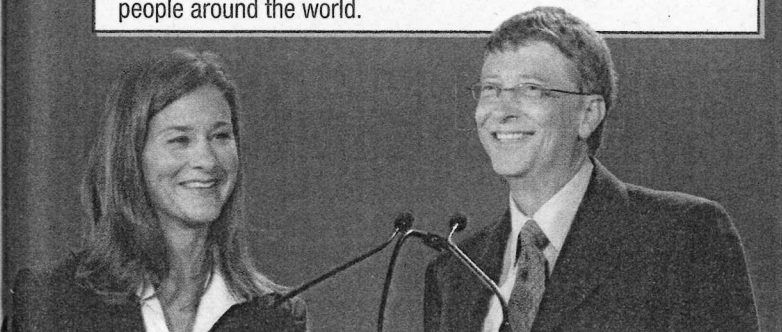
Bill Gates hasn't been on TV very much, and some people have never heard of him. But he's my hero because he has changed our world. Have you ever used a computer program or written a digital document? You can do these things because of talented software pioneers like Bill Gates.

William Henry Gates III was born in October 1955. When he was thirteen, his family sent him to a private school in Seattle. Computers were big and expensive then, but fortunately, Bill's school had access to a computer. He quickly learnt to use it, and he spent his free time writing programs. When Gates was still at school, he helped companies to fix computer problems so their computers worked better and operated faster.

At Harvard University, Gates and a friend called Paul Allen decided to start a computer software company. They worked hard to write programs, and sometimes they stayed up all night. Gates dropped out of Harvard when their company Microsoft became successful, and he has never finished university.

It was challenging to learn how to use computers in the 1970s, but Microsoft programs like MS-DOS (1981) and Windows 1.0 (1985) changed things dramatically. Suddenly, ordinary people could use computers more easily. Now everyone uses computers, and we have them in our houses and schools. Microsoft has become the biggest computer software company in the world – 61% of the world's computers use its programs.

In 1994, Bill Gates married Melinda French, and they now have three children. Bill and Melinda Gates have earned billions of dollars, but they haven't been selfish. In 2000, they started a charity called the *Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation*. The charity has helped to combat diseases like AIDS and malaria, and it has spent billions of dollars to help poor people around the world.



- 2 **★★** **🎧** Indovina il significato delle parole nel testo. Scrivi le traduzioni. Poi controllale nel glossario.

- 3 **★★★** Scrivi T (True) se la frase è corretta, F (False) se è incorretta. Correggi le frasi false. **P**

- 1 Bill Gates is a TV celebrity.
- 2 Gates first used a computer when he was a teenager.
- 3 Gates and his friend were very lazy at university.
- 4 Gates left university because he failed an exam.
- 5 Programs like Windows 1.0 helped people to use computers.
- 6 Most of the world's computers have Microsoft programmes.
- 7 The writer thinks that Bill Gates is selfish.
- 8 Bill and Melinda Gates don't keep all of their money.

Listening

- 4 **★** **🎧** 183 Ascolta una discussione in classe tra l'insegnante e gli studenti. In quali paesi sono nati George Clooney, Keira Knightley e Bono?

- 5 **★★** **🎧** 183 Ascolta di nuovo e scrivi GC (George Clooney), KK (Keira Knightley) o B (Bono).

- 1 He/She has won two Oscars.
- 2 He/She is a pop star.
- 3 He/She has helped a women's charity.
- 4 He/She has met a few American Presidents.
- 5 He/She has helped two countries after natural disasters.
- 6 He/She has tried to stop a war.
- 7 He/She has appeared in charity adverts.
- 8 He/She has organised charity concerts.

Writing

- 6 **★★★** Fai ricerche in internet per scrivere un brano (100–150 parole) su una persona famosa che ha aiutato la gente o ha lavorato per un'organizzazione benefica. Includi queste informazioni: **📌**

- who the person is and where he/she is from;
- what the person's famous for;
- what his/her biggest successes are;
- what charities this person has helped and how.