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Bill Gates- Early life

William Henry Gates was born on 28 October 1955, in Seattle, Washington

His father William Gates Sr **was** a senior lawyer, and his mother, Mary, **served** as an executive for a major bank. The family were wealthy but they **encouraged** their children to work hard and take nothing for granted.

Aged 13, Gates **attended** the private Lakeside school. It was here that Gates had his first introduction to computers. He **taught** himself to programme in Basic, making a simple 'Tic-Tac-Toe' game. Gates **enjoyed** the process of working with computers and arranged with a company (Computer Center Corporation - CCC) to spend time on their computers.

In 1973, Gates **enrolled** at Harvard, where he **studied** mathematics and computer science.

When he **saw** an opportunity to found his own company, he **dropped out** of Harvard without finishing his course.

Bill Gates **founded** Microsoft in 1976 when he formed a contract with MITS (Micro Instrumentation and Telemetry Systems) to develop a basic operating system for their new microcomputers.

The big break for Microsoft **came** in 1980 when IBM **approached** them for a new BASIC operating system for its new computers. In the early 1980s, IBM was by far the leading PC manufacturer.