

Dreams of a philanthropist

Level

Intermediate

Tasks

Creating sentences with a set of words connected with charity

Matching paragraph headings with the correct paragraph

Reading an article about Bill Gates

Completing the missing vowels in a set of words connected with business

Discussing points arising from the article

How to use the lesson

- 1 Write the word 'philanthropist' on the board and see if anyone can tell you what it means. Hand out the worksheet. After students have created sentences with the words, elicit some examples.
- 2 Ask students to read the headings and then quickly match them to the corresponding paragraph.

Answers

(a) – (3) (b) – (4) (c) – (2) (d) – (1)

- 3 Students read the article. Ask them to tell you about Bill Gate's plans. If appropriate, deal with any useful vocabulary such as: *withdraw* / *the norm* / *eradicate* / *struggling* / *ostentatious*.
- 4 Ask students to complete the missing vowels in the words and expressions. Then ask them to create sentences about their own company using some of the expressions.

Answers

(a) *responsible for* (b) *shareholder* (c) *business strategy* (d) *founder*
 (e) *day-to-day operations* (f) *research and development* (g) *to compete with* (h) *leadership team*
 (i) *investment* (j) *boardroom*

- 5 Ask students to discuss the questions in small groups. Ask one student from each group to report back the group's ideas to the class. Encourage discussion. Finish the lesson by providing language feedback.

Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.microsoft.com/billgates/default.asp>

<http://www.tb Alliance.org/gates.asp>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Gates

http://www.forbes.com/home/2006/06/16/cz_rr_ck_billgatesslide.html?boxes=custom&thisSpeed=10000