

MARK ZUCKERBERG

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Mark Elliot Zuckerberg was born on May the 14th, 1984. He is the creator of the social media site Facebook. He was a star student at school, winning prizes in astronomy, maths and physics. He also excelled in Classical studies. He studied Psychology and Computer Science at Harvard University, which is where he created Facebook. His invention led to his becoming Time magazine's Person Of The Year for 2010.

Zuckerberg excelled in everything he did in his youth. He was captain of the school fencing team, spoke many languages and was a highly skilled computer programmer. While other kids played computer games, he designed them. He created his first network while in high school to connect all of the computers in his father's dental surgery. He also built a media player which attracted the interest of Microsoft and AOL.

Zuckerberg started at Harvard in September 2002. In his first year, he created Facemash, a Facebook predecessor, that let students select the college's best looking people from a selection of photos. He launched Facebook from his Harvard room in February 2004. It was the start of a rollercoaster ride that would connect half a billion people worldwide and make him the world's youngest billionaire.

Mark Zuckerberg is now one of the most influential people on the planet. He has dined with the president of the USA and regularly attends global economic summits and technology forums. He stated: "The thing I really care about is the mission, making the world open." In 2010, Zuckerberg signed a promise called the "Giving Pledge", in which he promised to donate at least half of his life wealth to charity.

SYNONYM MATCH Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1. creator | a. creation |
| 2. star | b. talented |
| 3. invention | c. top |
| 4. excelled | d. maker |
| 5. skilled | e. attention |
| 6. interest | f. shone |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 7. select | g. link |
| 8. launched | h. frequently |
| 9. connect | i. choose |
| 10. influential | j. give |
| 11. regularly | k. started |
| 12. donate | l. important |

PHRASE MATCH Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. creator of the social | a. ride |
| 2. He also excelled | b. open |
| 3. Zuckerberg excelled in | c. of Microsoft |
| 4. a highly skilled | d. in Classical studies |
| 5. attracted the interest | e. wealth to charity |
| 6. a selection | f. media site Facebook |
| 7. the start of a rollercoaster | g. people |
| 8. one of the most influential | h. everything he did |
| 9. making the world | i. computer programmer |
| 10. donate at least half of his life | j. of photos |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Mark Elliot Zuckerberg was born on May the 14th, 1984. He is the creator of _____ Facebook. He was a star student at school, winning _____, maths and physics. He also excelled in Classical studies. He studied Psychology and Computer Science at Harvard University, _____ created Facebook. His _____ his becoming Time magazine's Person Of The Year for 2010.

Zuckerberg excelled in everything _____. He was captain of the school fencing team, spoke many languages and was a _____ programmer. While other kids played computer games, he designed them. He created his first network while in high school _____ the computers in his father's dental surgery. He also built a media player _____ interest of Microsoft and AOL.

Zuckerberg started at Harvard in September 2002. In his first year, he created Facemash, a Facebook predecessor, that _____ the college's best looking people from _____. He launched Facebook from his Harvard room in February 2004. It was the start of _____ that would people worldwide and make him the world's youngest billionaire.

Mark Zuckerberg is now one of the _____ on the planet. He _____ president of the USA and regularly attends global _____ and technology forums. He stated: "The thing I really care about is the mission, making the world open." In 2010, Zuckerberg signed a promise called the "Giving Pledge", in which he promised to _____ of his life wealth to charity.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Mark Elliot Zuckerberg was *born / birth* on May the 14th, 1984. He is the *creator / created* of the social media site Facebook. He was a *moon / star* student at school, winning prizes in astronomy, maths and physics. He also *excelled / excellent* in Classical studies. He studied Psychology and Computer Science at Harvard University, which is where he created Facebook. His *inventor / invention* led to *he / his* becoming Time magazine's Person Of The Year for 2010.

Zuckerberg excelled in everything he did in his *young / youth*. He was captain of the school *fences / fencing* team, spoke many languages and was a *highly / height* skilled computer programmer. While other kids played computer games, he designed them. He created his first network *wilt / while* in high school *to / by* connect all of the computers in his father's dental surgery. He also built a media player which attracted the *interested / interest* of Microsoft and AOL.

Zuckerberg started at Harvard in September 2002. In his first year, he created Facemash, a Facebook *processor / predecessor*, that let students *choice / select* the college's best looking people from a selection of photos. He *launched / lunched* Facebook from his Harvard room in February 2004. It was the start of a rollercoaster *attraction / ride* that would *joined / connect* half a *billion / thousand* people worldwide and make him the world's youngest billionaire.

Mark Zuckerberg is now one of the most *influence / influential* people on the planet. He has *dined / dimmed* with the president of the USA and *regularly / regular* attends global economic summits and technology forums. He stated: "The thing I really care about is the mission, making the world *openly / open*." In 2010, Zuckerberg signed a promise called the "Giving Pledge", in which he promised to *donation / donate* at least *half / halves* of his life wealth to charity.

SPELLING

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. ocalis media site
2. winning sepzri in astronomy
3. Classical seidtus
4. His tieovinnn

Paragraph 2

5. Zuckerberg elexecld in everything he did
6. icanpat of the school fencing team
7. highly esidlkl
8. attracted the einesrtt of Microsoft

Paragraph 3

9. let students eeltcs
10. He dhlcneua Facebook from his Harvard room
11. tonccne half a billion people
12. the world's youngest oilrieiabln

Paragraph 4

13. uinaelntilf people
14. diden with the president of the USA
15. global ecmonoci summits
16. edtoan at least half of his life wealth

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Mark Zuckerberg is now one of the most influential people on the planet. He has dined with the president of the USA and regularly
- () rollercoaster ride that would connect half a billion people worldwide and make him the world's youngest billionaire.
- () surgery. He also built a media player which attracted the interest of Microsoft and AOL.
- () predecessor, that let students select the college's best looking people from a selection of
- () attends global economic summits and technology forums. He stated: "The thing I really care about is the mission, making the world
- () and Computer Science at Harvard University, which is where he created Facebook. His invention led
- () many languages and was a highly skilled computer programmer. While other kids played computer games, he designed them. He created
- () photos. He launched Facebook from his Harvard room in February 2004. It was the start of a
- () student at school, winning prizes in astronomy, maths and physics. He also excelled in Classical studies. He studied Psychology
- () open." In 2010, Zuckerberg signed a promise called the "Giving Pledge", in which he promised to donate at least half of his life wealth to charity.
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- () to his becoming Time magazine's Person Of The Year for 2010.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. the social media site Facebook He is the creator of.

2. excelled Classical also in studies He.

3. did Zuckerberg in he excelled everything.

4. programmer computer skilled highly A.

5. school created network high He first in his while.

6. Let people looking best college's the select students

7. room Harvard his from Facebook launched He.

8. planet of influential the One most on the people.

9. about The I care thing really.

10. of his life wealth to charity Donate at least half.

DISCUSSION (Write your questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Mark Zuckerberg?
2. Would you like to meet Mark Zuckerberg?
3. What would you like to know about Mark Zuckerberg and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Mark Zuckerberg?
2. What questions would you like to ask Mark Zuckerberg?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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THE MARK ZUCKERBERG SURVEY

Write five questions about Mark Zuckerberg in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or other search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Mark Zuckerberg. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MARK ZUCKERBERG POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Mark Zuckerberg. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article Mark Zuckerberg. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Mark Zuckerberg. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Mark Zuckerberg expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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| 4. a highly skilled | d. computer programmer |
| 5. attracted the interest | e. of Microsoft |
| 6. a selection | f. of photos |
| 7. the start of a rollercoaster | g. ride |
| 8. one of the most influential | h. people |
| 9. making the world | i. open |
| 10. donate at least half of his life | j. wealth to charity |

ALL OTHER EXERCISES:

Look at the text on page 2.