

# Unit 7 — People in IT

## Reading: People in IT: True Innovators



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It seems like nowadays we use computers for nearly everything: working, shopping, banking, communicating, learning new things, playing games, listening to music, watching videos, and more. It's hard to even imagine life without our modern hardware and digital services!

Yes, the modern world is fantastic, but have you ever stopped to think about where all this amazing technology came from? Who invented it all? Well, behind every great IT product or service, there is normally a person or small team who turned their dreams into reality.

We've all heard of Bill Gates, right? He co-founded Microsoft and is one of the richest men in history. Equally famous was Steve Jobs, the person who, along with Steve Wozniak, started Apple Computers way back in 1976. However, there are many other IT pioneers who aren't as well known but who deserve recognition for the work they did in advancing the world of computing.

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## Discussion Questions

Pick any person from this reading and write a short essay on their life. How do they inspire you?

Will you ever be considered a famous or great IT person? Write why or why not.

Pick any IT person NOT mentioned in this reading and write a short essay on their life. How do they inspire you?