

Title:	Melinda Gates Interview
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Summary:	Melinda Gates has been busy lately trying to draw more attention to female disadvantage around the world. This includes writing a new book, <i>The Moment of Lift</i> .

KEY WORDS

Below is a list of words which appear in the report - can you match the words with their correct definition? Use a dictionary to help you if you aren't sure.

choose, select	
deliberate and intentional	
draw to a close, come to an end	
extravagance, luxury, comfort	
needing immediate attention, serious	
process of change or movement, shift	
someone who tries to promote the welfare of others, benefactor	
something that makes it difficult to do something, obstacle	
succeed, prosper, flourish	
very great, strong	

conscious decision (adj)
opt for (v)
life of indulgence (n)
lift the barriers (n)
pressing (adj)
go through a transition (n)
profound impact (adj)
thrive (v)
wind down (v)
philanthropist (n)

SUMMARY

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FOCUS QUESTIONS

- What is the word for a person who gives money away to charitable causes?
- Bill and Melinda Gates made a decision to distribute most of their wealth during their lifetimes through a private charitable foundation. Why do you think they did this? Where is the money going? What are its goals? Should all very wealthy people do this?
- Their charitable foundation will wind down 20 years after their deaths. Why do you think they have decided to do this?
- She thinks it's important that high and middle income countries make foreign aid investments into low income countries. Do you agree?
- Melinda Gates' new book is called *The Moment of Lift*. What is the meaning behind its title?
- Why does Melinda Gates see lifting up and empowering women as key to lifting up humanity?
- What are some barriers to female empowerment around the world?
- Melinda Gates says that through her regular travel experience in low income countries, she listens to mums and dads who "have the same hopes and dreams for their children that parents have in Australia, or in the United States." What does she mean? Do you agree?

LISTENING

First watch the report and answer the questions

- A trip to where in the '90s left a lasting impression on both Bill and Melinda Gates and led to the creation of their private charitable foundation?
- How much is Bill and Melinda Gates' private charitable foundation worth?
- What does she say is one thing that was key to the success of Microsoft and their being able to build up such a large fortune?

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

After watching the report, try to answer the following questions

1. What are the goals of the Bill and Melinda Gates' private charitable foundation?
2. Melinda Gates says that "**we know from good research that when you invest in a woman, she**
_____"
3. What does she say is the most pressing barrier to female empowerment in the developing world and is the greatest anti-poverty tool we have?
4. If her husband had grown up in country like Niger in West Africa, does she believe he could have formed a company like Microsoft?

CLOZE

Use the words to complete the sentences

The form of the word may need to be changed

conscious	opt	indulgence	barrier	pressing
transition	profound	thrive	wind down	philanthropist

1. After moving to the new city, the parents' most concern was finding a good school for their child.
2. After struggling in the first few months of being at the new school, the girl soon began to make new friends and academically.
3. After turning 65, the man began to his work duties with plans to be fully retired by the age of 70.
4. As interest rates have decreased over recent years, more people made the from renting to owning their own home.
5. Even though the Android phone had all the features he was looking for and was much cheaper, the man for the iPhone because that was what he was used to.
6. For her 50th birthday, the woman decided to herself with an expensive meal at a top restaurant with her best friend and an overnight stay in a 5-star hotel.
7. In order to set a positive example, the parents made a effort to limit their screen time when they were around their young children.
8. In the US, has a strong tradition with some of the wealthiest individuals donating large sums of money over their lifetime to charitable causes.
9. Recent immigrants can face numerous to finding a job. A lack of language skills is often one of them.
10. The actor said she was moved by the book about child poverty and that she couldn't stop crying while reading it on a plane.

ANSWERS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa • over \$70 billion • luck 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. tackling poverty and improving health and education around the world 2. invests in everybody else around her 3. contraceptives 4. no
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