

# TEACHERS ' INFLUENCE \*



Some of the most influential and successful people in the world have a teacher in their childhood to thank for their success.

## Exercise # 1 : DISCUSSION

- What about you? Do you remember your school teachers? Which do you remember most? And why?
- Is there a special teacher you would thank for being the person you are today?



\*Teachers are the real influencers : do you agree with this statement?

## Exercise # 2 : LISTENING and COMPREHENSION

▶ Listen to recording 1 ...

▶ ... and to recording 2, then ANSWER the following questions:



1. When is TEACHERS' DAY celebrated?

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2. Who shapes people's lives the most, according to this article?

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3. Who should we thank for having computers today?

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4. What did Bill Gates's Maths teacher do to him that became so determinant in his life?

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5. Why was Bill Gates's drama teacher so important to Bill Gates?

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### Exercise # 3 : True or False?

Now, listen again  to recording  #1 and #2

and say if the statements are :

T= true

F= false

DS= doesn't say

1. Teachers' Day is celebrated on the same day all over the world. [\_\_\_\_]
2. Teachers are probably the second most important people in the lives of all of us. [\_\_\_\_]
3. Lots of VIPs were teachers. [\_\_\_\_]
4. Lots of great teachers were computer teachers. [\_\_\_\_]
5. Bill Gates hated his Maths teacher. [\_\_\_\_]
6. Bill Gates slept during Maths classes. [\_\_\_\_]
7. Bill Gates loved drama classes. [\_\_\_\_]
8. Bill Gates's best teachers were both women [\_\_\_\_]
9. Bill Gates's drama teacher made him a confident person.[\_\_\_\_]
10. Bill Gates is today very thankful to his teachers.[\_\_\_\_]
11. Bill Gates wanted to become a film actor.[\_\_\_\_]



## Exercise # 4 : Vocabulary : which meaning?

Drama teachers teach:

- a. Sad subjects
- b. Acting
- c. History

To shape means:

- a. To modify
- b. To compromise
- c. To improve

To influence means:

- a. To determine people's decisions and attitude
- b. To change people's mind
- c. To brainstorm



When something is likely to happen, it ...

- a. ... will probably happen
- b. ... will make you happy
- c. ... will never happen

If you push somebody hard, you:

- a. Stress them
- b. Hurt them
- c. Urge them

## Exercise # 5 : Unjumble the words of the article: rewrite the messed up words

I'm going to tell you all **(oaubt)** World Teachers' Day, which is on the 5th of October.

Let me start by asking you a **(qtuieosn)**. Who shapes the person you are the most? Parents or other (iflaym) members are probably at the top of the list for **(ymna)** people. But a close second **(pclea)** is very likely to go to a teacher.

Some of the most influential and successful **(plepeo)** in the world have a teacher in their childhood to thank for their **(cseuscs)**. Let's look at some examples.



Can you imagine **(flel)** without the personal computer? Well, without two of Bill Gates's high-school teachers, that could be our **(lwdor)** today.

Gates's maths teacher, Fred Wright, asked him to **(sphu)** himself just a **(tlliet)** bit harder. Maybe that's why the **(fdoeurn)** of Microsoft sometimes slept under his **(sdke)** in the office instead of going **(ehmo)** to relax after **(rokw)**.