

World's richest man gives \$100m 'gift'

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1 Pre-reading | Key Vocabulary

Match the words with their meanings:

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| 1• a virus | a• to say that something will happen in the future |
| 2• a donation | b• a special hospital for people who are dying |
| 3• panic | c• now; at the moment |
| 4• a hospice | d• a feeling of fear |
| 5• a patient | e• a very small living organism that causes disease in people |
| 6• to predict | f• something that makes you extremely angry or worried is _____ |
| 7• a pandemic | g• money given to an organisation to help people |
| 8• unpopular | h• a disease which almost everyone in a large area catches |
| 9• shocking | i• a person who receives medical treatment in hospital |
| 10• currently | j• not liked by many people |

2 Find the Information

Read the text and find the answers to these questions as quickly as possible:

- 1• How much money did Bill Gates give to fight HIV/Aids in India?
- 2• How many people in India will probably have the Aids virus by 2010?
- 3• How many people could die from Aids in India, China and Russia by 2025?
- 4• What percentage of the adult population of India has the HIV virus?

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Bill Gates is the richest man in the world. Recently he said that he would give \$100 million to help people in India who have the HIV virus. The Indian government was unhappy about this, however. It said that Mr Gates' gift would cause "panic" in India because people would think that the problem of HIV/Aids in India was getting worse. Mr Gates was not worried by this reaction, however. "There is a big, big problem with Aids in India", he said. "And we have seen in other countries what happens with Aids if you don't take early action." While he was in India he visited an Aids hospice in Delhi. Earlier, the Indian

government said that it was very unhappy with a report which predicted that 20 million to 25 million Indians would probably have the virus by 2010. The report also said that India would soon be the country with the largest number of Aids cases. At the moment South Africa has most cases of Aids in the world.

A new, shocking report says that Eurasia - India, China and Russia - will soon have the same kind of Aids pandemic that is destroying sub-Saharan Africa. In these three countries Aids could kill between 43 million and 105 million people by 2025, it says. The report, published in an American magazine, will

probably be very unpopular with India's rulers, who, as Bill Gates has found out, do not like listening to advice from foreigners.

Last week India's health minister, Shatrughan Sinha, said that it was not true that India would soon have an Aids epidemic. He said that these reports were completely wrong. The Indian government says that Aids prevention programmes are working and that the number of people with the HIV virus is around 4 million - 0.7% of India's adult population. Other experts say that 5 million to 8 million Indians are already infected.

India is a conservative, mainly Hindu country and people do not talk openly about sex.

In Indian films Indians are not even allowed to kiss each other. In a country like this, Bill Gates' donation to help fight Aids is certain to be unpopular with many people.

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3 Comprehension check

Match the beginnings of the sentences with their endings:

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| 1• Bill Gates gave \$100 million to India... | a• ... he visited an Aids hospice. |
| 2• The Indian government said Mr Gates' gift ... | b• ... up to 105 million people will die of Aids in India, China and Russia by 2025. |
| 3• While Bill Gates was in India ... | c• ... India would not have an Aids epidemic. |
| 4• South Africa ... | d• ... to help fight HIV/Aids. |
| 5• The new report says that ... | e• ... has the largest number of Aids cases in the world. |
| 6• India's nationalist rulers ... | f• ... are not allowed to kiss each other. |
| 7• The Indian health minister said ... | g• ... do not like listening to advice from foreigners. |
| 8• People in Indian films ... | h• ... would cause panic in India. |

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4 Vocabulary Building I: Opposites

Find words in the text which mean the opposite of these words:

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| 1• poorest | 2• happy | 3• popular | 4• better |
| 5• late | 6• correct | 7• false | |

5 Vocabulary Building II: Prepositions

Fill the gaps using an appropriate preposition.

- 1• Bill Gates is the richest man _____ the world.
- 2• He sat _____ the floor.
- 3• The report was unpopular _____ the government.
- 4• They do not like listening _____ advice.
- 5• People do not talk openly _____ sex.
- 6• Up to 25 million people will have the Aids virus _____ 2010.
- 7• Aids could kill _____ 43 million and 105 million.
- 8• The report was published _____ an American magazine.

6 Review

These letters spell key words from the text. Rewrite them in their correct form.

- 1• otonaidn
- 2• ttnepai
- 3• mecdiieep
- 4• ntoeepvinr
- 5• dinteeefc

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Key

1 Key Vocabulary

1 e; 2 g; 3 d; 4 b; 5 i; 6 a; 7 h; 8 j;
9 f; 10 c

2 Find the information

1 \$100 million
2 20 to 25 million.
3 Between 43 and 105 million.
4 0.7%.

3 Comprehension check

1 d; 2 h; 3 a; 4 e; 5 b; 6 g; 7 c; 8 f

4 Opposites

1 richest
2 unhappy
3 unpopular
4 worse
5 early
6 wrong
7 true

5 Prepositions

1 in
2 on
3 with
4 to
5 about
6 by
7 between
8 in

6 Review

1 donation
2 patient
3 epidemic
4 prevention
5 infected