

# LARRY PAGE

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Lawrence Edward 'Larry' Page is an American entrepreneur who co-founded the Google Internet search engine. He was co-president of Google until 2001, when he and co-founder Sergey Brin appointed an external CEO. In 2007, 'PC World' magazine said Page was top of their list of the most important people on the Internet. Along with Brin, Page is the world's fourth youngest billionaire.

Page was born in 1973. His father was a professor of computer science and artificial intelligence and his mother was a computer programming teacher. His brother Carl is a co-founder of eGroups, which he sold to Yahoo! for half a billion dollars. Page graduated with a bachelor's degree in computer engineering and a master's in computer science from the prestigious Stanford University.

Page said the best advice he ever received was from his Ph.D. supervisor, who encouraged him to study the mathematical processes behind the world wide web. He investigated how different web pages were linked to each other. He met Sergey Brin and developed a search engine system they called Google. Their initial version of Google is still on the Stanford University Web site.

Page has followed other interests since stepping down as Google president. He has amassed a personal fortune of over \$18 billion, but continues to look for ways to maintain Google's innovativeness. Page is looking to the future and invested in a company that is developing greener, battery-powered cars. The World Economic Forum named him as a Global Leader for Tomorrow.

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**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. entrepreneur | a. elite                   |
| 2. appointed    | b. Chief Executive Officer |
| 3. CEO          | c. lecturer                |
| 4. artificial   | d. businessman             |
| 5. teacher      | e. synthetic               |
| 6. prestigious  | f. chose                   |

*Paragraphs 3 and 4*

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 7. received     | g. keep           |
| 8. investigated | h. collected      |
| 9. initial      | i. researched     |
| 10. amassed     | j. got            |
| 11. maintain    | k. less polluting |
| 12. greener     | l. first          |

**PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases from the article.

- |                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. 'PC World' magazine said Page | a. a billion dollars           |
| 2. Page is the world's           | b. Google president            |
| 3. artificial                    | c. Stanford University         |
| 4. he sold to Yahoo! for half    | d. he ever received            |
| 5. the prestigious               | e. fourth youngest billionaire |
| 6. the best advice               | f. was top of their list       |
| 7. the mathematical processes    | g. battery-powered cars        |
| 8. how different web pages were  | h. intelligence                |
| 9. stepping down as              | i. behind the world wide web   |
| 10. developing greener,          | j. linked to each other        |

**LISTENING GAP FILL:**

Lawrence Edward 'Larry' Page is an American \_\_\_\_\_ co-founded the Google Internet search engine. He was co-president of Google until 2001, when \_\_\_\_\_ Sergey Brin appointed an external CEO. In 2007, 'PC World' magazine said Page \_\_\_\_\_ of the most important people on the Internet. Along with Brin, Page is the world's \_\_\_\_\_ billionaire.

Page was born in 1973. His father \_\_\_\_\_ computer science and \_\_\_\_\_ and his mother was a computer programming teacher. His brother Carl is a co-founder of eGroups, which he sold to Yahoo! \_\_\_\_\_ dollars. Page graduated with a bachelor's degree in computer engineering and a master's in computer science \_\_\_\_\_ Stanford University.

Page said the best \_\_\_\_\_ received was from his Ph.D. supervisor, who encouraged him to study the \_\_\_\_\_ behind the world wide web. He investigated how different web pages \_\_\_\_\_ other. He met Sergey Brin and developed a search engine system they called Google. Their \_\_\_\_\_ Google is still on the Stanford University Web site.

Page has followed other interests \_\_\_\_\_ as Google president. He \_\_\_\_\_ personal fortune of over \$18 billion, but continues to look for \_\_\_\_\_ Google's innovativeness. Page is looking to the future and invested in a company that is \_\_\_\_\_, battery-powered cars. The World Economic Forum named him as a Global Leader for Tomorrow.

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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

Lawrence Edward 'Larry' Page is an American *enterprise / entrepreneur* who co-founded the Google Internet search engine. He was co-president of Google until 2001, when he and co-founder Sergey Brin *appointed / pointed* an external CEO. In 2007, 'PC World' magazine said Page was *high / top* of their list of the most important people on the Internet. Along with Brin, Page is the world's fourth *youngest / younger* billionaire.

Page was born in 1973. His father was a *professor / prof* of computer science and artificial *intelligent / intelligence* and his mother was a computer programming teacher. His brother Carl is a co-founder of eGroups, which he sold to Yahoo! for *half / halves* a billion dollars. Page graduated with a bachelor's degree in computer engineering and a master's in computer science from the *prestige / prestigious* Stanford University.

Page said the best advice he *never / ever* received was from his Ph.D. supervisor, who encouraged him to study the mathematical processes behind the *world / word* wide web. He investigated how different web pages were linked *for / to* each other. He met Sergey Brin and together a search engine system they called Google. Their *initial / initially* version of Google is still on the Stanford University Web site.

Page has followed other *interesting / interests* since *stooping / stepping* down as Google president. He has *amassed / amazed* a personal fortune of over \$18 billion, but continues to look for ways to maintain Google's innovativeness. Page is looking to the future and invested in a company that is developing *greener / greenish*, battery-powered cars. The World Economic Forum named him as a Global Leader for Tomorrow.

## SPELLING:

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

### *Paragraph 1*

1. co-oefdnud the Google Internet search engine
2. Brin appointed an erlaetxn CEO
3. the most matipotnr people
4. the world's fourth youngest linrioailbe

### *Paragraph 2*

5. His father was a oroesrpfs
6. cltfaiair intelligence
7. half a iinllbo dollars
8. a master's in computer encisec

### *Paragraph 3*

9. the best vcieda he ever received
10. how different web pages were dkelni to each other
11. a search engine mtsyes
12. Their taliin version of Google

### *Paragraph 4*

13. a personal fnteruo of over \$18 billion
14. ways to minnaita Google's innovativeness
15. esvditne in a company
16. a baGlllo Leader for Tomorrow

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) Page said the best advice he ever received was from his Ph.D. supervisor, who encouraged him to study the mathematical
- ( ) billion dollars. Page graduated with a bachelor's degree in computer engineering and
- ( ) Page was born in 1973. His father was a professor of computer science and artificial intelligence and his mother was a computer
- ( ) him as a Global Leader for Tomorrow.
- ( ) programming teacher. His brother Carl is a co-founder of eGroups, which he sold to Yahoo! for half a
- ( ) president of Google until 2001, when he and co-founder Sergey Brin appointed an external CEO. In 2007, 'PC World' magazine
- ( ) version of Google is still on the Stanford University Web site
- ( ) invested in a company that is developing greener, battery-powered cars. The World Economic Forum named
- ( ) Brin and together developed a search engine system they called Google. Their initial
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- ( ) said Page was top of their list of the most important people on the Internet. Along with
- ( ) processes behind the world wide web. He investigated how different web pages were linked to each other. He met Sergey
- ( ) \$18 billion, but continues to look for ways to maintain Google's innovativeness. Page is looking to the future and
- ( ) Brin, Page is the world's fourth youngest billionaire
- ( ) Page has followed other interests since stepping down as Google president. He has amassed a personal fortune of over
- ( ) a master's in computer science from the prestigious Stanford University.

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. 2001 president He of was Google co until -

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2. of most their important list people of top the

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3. billionaire is world's youngest Page the fourth

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4. a was father His science computer of professor

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5. a founder His is - eGroups Carl co of brother

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6. the received ever he advice best

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7. each pages other were how linked different to web

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8. called they system engine search a developed Google

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9. fortune personal a amassed has He

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10. Page future the to looking is

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## LARRY PAGE DISCUSSION:

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

1. What do you know about Larry Page?
2. Would you like to meet Larry Page?
3. What would you like to know about Larry Page and why?
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

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## LARRY PAGE DISCUSSION:

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Larry Page?
2. What questions would you like to ask Larry Page?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

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# LARRY PAGE SURVEY:

Write five questions about Larry Page 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 another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

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

**3. LARRY PAGE POSTER:** Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Larry Page. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

**4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Larry Page. 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 Larry Page. 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 "Larry Page expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## SYNONYM MATCH:

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## PHRASE MATCH:

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| 2. Page is the world's           | b. fourth youngest billionaire |
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| 4. he sold to Yahoo! for half    | d. a billion dollars           |
| 5. the prestigious               | e. Stanford University         |
| 6. the best advice               | f. he ever received            |
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## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.