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[www.microsoft.com/](http://www.microsoft.com/)

An EFL lesson based on the web site

Intermediate

3 class periods

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*Microsoft is the world's leading producer of software and computer operating systems. As might be expected, the web site is sophisticated, with a very large number of links available in multiple levels.*

**What should I do?**

Go to [www.microsoft.com/](http://www.microsoft.com/) . On the home page, find the links to answer the following questions.

1. When was the company founded (established)? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Microsoft's mission is: (13 words)

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\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Find Bill Gates' **GIVING** link. Name three recent major grants that Bill Gates has contributed to:

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Click on **Worldwide** at the bottom of the home page. Then match the following situations with the correct categories and links. For **example,**



Description	Country
Part of address: 15125 Marrousi, Athens	Greece

Description	Country
(a) Part of address: 1 Epping Road, North Ryde NSW 2113	
(b) Part of address: 46050 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan	
(c) This page is under which country?  	
(d) Part of address: Carmenhall Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate	
(e) Phone number: 0860 2255 67 (An English-speaking country)	

4. In the following box, we provide the category and descriptions of the links and you are required to name the **link** that follows from the category. *Example:*

Category or	Second Link	Description
About Microsoft	<b><u>Jobs</u></b>	Can I apply online for a career at the company?

Information for		Operating systems, Office at Home, Internet & E-mail, Productivity & Creativity, Finance, Games & Controllers... etc.
Product Families		Enhance your communications infrastructure and get secure, end-to-end messaging available anytime, anywhere.
Information for		Includes a link about Heald College
Product families		See heroes clash in age of mythology
Resources		Windows 2000 Service Pack 3 Express Install

5. Surf the Internet and find the web sites for the following computer companies. What are their URLs?

Gateway	<u>www._____</u>
Dell	<u>www._____</u>

IBM	www._____
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6. Which of the three companies have training and/or support links? Check as many as apply.

- Gateway                       Dell                       IBM

8. Comparing the four web sites, which one do you think is the clearest and easiest to navigate?

- (a)     Gateway                       Dell                       IBM                       Microsoft

(b) Why? Explain your reasons in two or three grammatically correct sentences.

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9. Name a link from any of the four web sites that you especially like and explain why.

My favorite link, \_\_\_\_\_,

is from:  Gateway                       Dell                       IBM                       Microsoft

because \_\_\_\_\_

10. Which of the four **web sites** do you think is the best?

- Gateway                       Dell                       IBM                       Microsoft

Explain why. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Answer key*

1. 1975 (students need to click on the Mission and Values under About Microsoft and then Fast Facts.)
2. To enable people and businesses throughout the world to realize their full potential
3. Variable: students and instructor can find them at [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com)→Bill Gates' Website→Giving.
- 4.

Description	Country
(a) Part of address: 1 Epping Road, North Ryde NSW 2113	Australia
(b) Part of address: 46050 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan	Malaysia
(c) This page is under which country?  	Japan
(d) Part of address: Carmenhall Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate	Ireland
(e) Phone number: 0860 2255 67	South Africa

5.

Category	Link	Description
Information for	Home users	Operating systems, Office at Home, Internet & E-mail, Productivity & Creativity, Finance, Games & Controllers... etc.
Product Families	Servers	Enhance your communications infrastructure and get secure, end-to-end messaging available anytime, anywhere.
Information for	Educational Institutions	Includes a link about Heald College
Product families	Games & Xbox	See heroes clash in age of mythology
Resources	Downloads	Windows 2000 Service Pack 3 Express Install

6 [www.gateway.com](http://www.gateway.com) [www.dell.com/](http://www.dell.com/) [www.ibm.com](http://www.ibm.com)

7 All three.

8., 9, 10—variable answers