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STEVE JOBS



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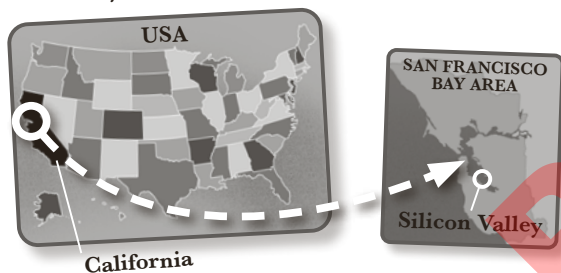
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Note about the book

Steve Jobs was a **businessman*** and **inventor**. He started the Apple Computer **Company** in the 1970s. At that time, people did not have computers at home because they were very big, expensive and difficult to use. Apple changed all this with the first home computers.

But Steve did not stop there. Later, he helped to make new **animation** for movies. And he also helped to **design** the iPhone and the iPad. These **products** changed the world of **technology**.

Steve lived and worked in “Silicon Valley” in San Francisco Bay. This part of California is famous for its technology. Silicon Valley is also an important part of Steve’s story.



Before-reading questions

- 1 What do you know about Steve Jobs?
- 2 What do you know about Apple? Do you have any of their products?
- 3 What do you want to learn from this book?

*Definitions of words in **bold** can be found in the glossary on pages 63–64.

CHAPTER ONE Who was Steve Jobs?

Steve Jobs was a **brilliant inventor**. He loved computers, and he **invented** some very special things. He was also a very good **businessman**. Because of Steve, the world today has home computers, smartphones and tablets.



The young Steve learned a lot from his dad about building and fixing things. But he loved **electronics** and **technology** more. This love changed his **life**, and it also changed the world.



Steve's dad loved fixing things.

In 1976, Steve started a **company** with his friend Steve Wozniak. They called their company Apple. Apple **invented** some brilliant computers. Later, Sir Tim Berners-Lee **invented** the internet. He did this on one of Steve Jobs's computers.

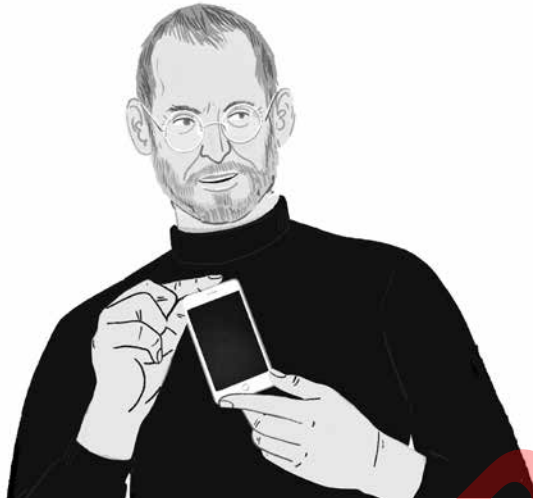


Steve Wozniak and Steve

Steve also helped to make new **animation** using brilliant technology. He had a company called Pixar, and their first movie was *Toy Story*.

In 2001, Steve gave the world the iPod. The iPod was small, but it could hold 1,000 songs. After the iPod, Steve invented the iPhone.

People could make calls on the iPhone, and they could send messages. They could also play games, and they could use the internet. They could do all this on one small phone! This was very new, and it was very special.



The iPhone changed the world.

Sadly, Steve **became ill** with **cancer**, and he died in 2011. He was only 56, but he did a lot in his short life. Now, let's go back to the start in 1955.

CHAPTER TWO Steve's early life

Steve came into this world on 24th February 1955 in San Francisco, California. His **birth** mother could not keep him, and a man and woman **adopted** him. They were called Paul and Clara Jobs.



Baby Steve and his new parents

Steve's parents were kind people, and they loved Steve very much. Steve loved his parents, and he was happy. "Our boy is very special," thought Paul and Clara, and they were right. In 1957, they also adopted a baby girl. She was called Patty, and she became Steve's little sister.