



What do Bill Gates (pictured on the right), scientist Marie Curie, and basketball star Jeremy Lin have in common? They've all been called geeks. Is being a geek good or bad? Judge for yourself!



**1. What is a geek?** Dictionary.com <http://bit.ly/1mzKkRb> calls a geek "a person who is enthusiastic, or accomplished in scientific or technical pursuits, but is felt to be socially awkward." The concept has evolved throughout history, according to this tee shirt store's page at <http://bit.ly/1txjv1v>.

**2. Can you spot the most famous of all geeks?** At CNET <http://cnet.co/1f0FkTf> you can find a list of the most famous geeks over time, and find out what they've done.

**3. Why does the Geek Squad use funny cars?** It's part of their branding. In 1994, a college student named Robert Stephens took 200 dollars and turned it into a billion dollar idea, based on the fact that he was a geek, and many other people were not. Read about his journey <http://bit.ly/1hc5hhj> or visit his company's home page today <http://bit.ly/1gP28jU>.



**4. Is your mom or dad a geek?** Matt Blum was a software engineer and self-proclaimed geek. So after he had some kids, he did what any good geek would do... he made a web site called Geek Dad, at <http://geekdad.com> where he could share stories with other geeks. Then the moms joined in to make GeekMom, <http://geekmom.com>. Both sites are loaded with geeky ideas. Your moms might also be interested in this conference for Geek Girls <http://bit.ly/1txkij6> or this Wikia list of famous girl geeks <http://bit.ly/1iFFWgd>. All have helped tap the power of technology to change the world.

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### MAKE SOME CODE

They say that geeks like to program. If so, there's no better language than Scratch. At <http://bit.ly/IYM44I> you can get started for free on any Mac or Windows computer.



### DO SOME STEM

From growing bacteria, to making a volcano, Buzzle offers a list of very Geeky ideas at <http://bit.ly/1jvg9nR>.

## YouTube Megan's Geek Videos

Want to see what Bill Gates was like in 1975?

[http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcBVHzUUEKwmdhNYDoJz-x6PEB5d\\_vaXY](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcBVHzUUEKwmdhNYDoJz-x6PEB5d_vaXY)

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