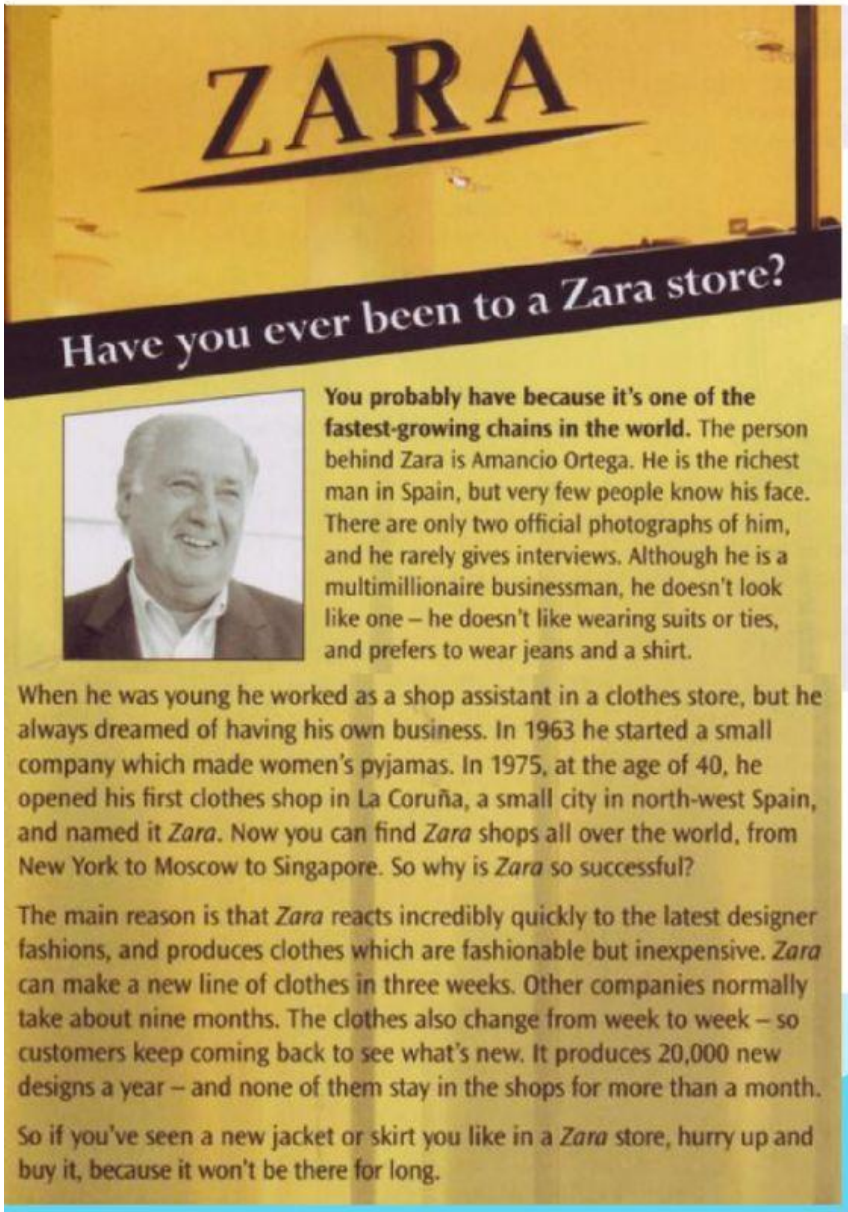
Homework

Pre- Intermediate - day 22

1. Reading:



You probably have because it's one of the fastest-growing chains in the world. The person behind Zara is Amancio Ortega. He is the richest man in Spain, but very few people know his face. There are only two official photographs of him, and he rarely gives interviews. Although he is a multimillionaire businessman, he doesn't look like one – he doesn't like wearing suits or ties, and prefers to wear jeans and a shirt.

When he was young he worked as a shop assistant in a clothes store, but he always dreamed of having his own business. In 1963 he started a small company which made women's pyjamas. In 1975, at the age of 40, he opened his first clothes shop in La Coruña, a small city in north-west Spain, and named it *Zara*. Now you can find *Zara* shops all over the world, from New York to Moscow to Singapore. So why is *Zara* so successful?

The main reason is that *Zara* reacts incredibly quickly to the latest designer fashions, and produces clothes which are fashionable but inexpensive. *Zara* can make a new line of clothes in three weeks. Other companies normally take about nine months. The clothes also change from week to week – so customers keep coming back to see what's new. It produces 20,000 new designs a year – and none of them stay in the shops for more than a month.

So if you've seen a new jacket or skirt you like in a *Zara* store, hurry up and buy it, because it won't be there for long.

a What's the most popular place to buy clothes in your town? Do you buy your clothes there? If not, where?

b Read the text about *Zara*. Then cover it and answer the questions below from memory.

1 Who is Amancio Ortega?
2 What is unusual about him?
3 What was his first job?
4 When did he open the first *Zara* shop?
5 Where are there *Zara* shops now?
6 What are the secrets of *Zara's* success?

2. Grammar: Present perfect

a Write sentences or questions with the present perfect.

he / ever / be there ? *Has he ever been there?*

1 you / ever buy / clothes from that shop?
2 I / not read/ the newspaper today.
3 We / never be / to the new shopping centre.
4 your brother / live abroad / all his life?
5 They / go / to live in South America.
6 She / never fly / before.
7 He / not meet / his wife's family.
8 you / eat / in this restaurant before?

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b Right (✔) or wrong (✘)? Correct the wrong sentences.

He's got up late this morning. ✘ *He got up late this morning.*

1 We've been to Ireland last year. ☐ _____

2 Have you ever gone to Paris? ☐ _____

3 Jane's gone to the bank. She'll be back soon. ☐ _____

4 I like your shoes. Where did you buy them? ☐ _____

5 I've seen that film last week. ☐ _____

6 I spoke to him a minute ago. ☐ _____

7 My sister's a writer. She's written five novels. ☐ _____

8 World War II has ended in 1945. ☐ _____

3. Grammar: Present perfect

a Order the words to make sentences.

1 made have you yet your bed?

2 gone already to work she's.

3 just we've a cup of coffee had.

4 I found a job haven't yet.

5 sent me just an he's e-mail.

6 house already sold they've their.

b Write sentences or questions with *already*, *just*, or *yet*.

he / arrive (already) *He's already arrived.*

1 I / have / breakfast (just)

2 you / finish your homework? (yet)

3 the film / start (already)

4 I / not meet / his girlfriend (yet)

5 they / get married (just)

6 You're too late. He / go home (already)

7 you / speak to him? (yet)

8 I / not read his new book (yet)



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