

# WIDER WORLD

## Reading

For questions 1–7, complete the article about Marks and Spencer by choosing the correct sentence, A–J. There are two sentences you do not need to use.

- A One year later, in 1905, Thomas Spencer died.
- B He used this money to start his Penny Bazaar in Kirkgate Market.
- C Before this, in 1902, the company had over 50 market stalls.
- ~~D This was what Michael Marks big idea on his first market stall in Leeds in 1884.~~
- E The first international store opened in Canada in 1973.
- F And over the next few years Marks and Spencer opened market stalls in many other places around the city.
- G The money the company made went down quickly after this.
- H His family were from Poland.
- I They became the first shop in the world to make £1 billion (£1,000,000,000!) profit, in 1997.
- J In 1894, when Marks got a permanent stall in Leeds covered market, he invited Spencer to become his partner.

## Marks and Spencer: from penny shop to £1 billion.

‘Don't ask the price, it's a penny!’<sup>0</sup> **D**  
But when Michael Marks became partners with Tom Spencer, the company really found success.

Marks arrived in the UK in 1882 and moved to the northern city of Leeds.<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. He started working for a company which employed foreign people who came to live in the UK. He borrowed £5 from a friend (who also taught him some English).<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Tom Spencer, who was a shop assistant, worked for the same friend.<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

They moved the original Leeds Penny Bazaar to Manchester.<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. The company opened its first shop in 1904.<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Michael Marks died two years after this in 1907, but the company continued to grow!

Throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Marks and Spencer opened shops all over the UK.<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Shops in France followed this in 1975.<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. So from small beginnings, large things can grow!

*\*market stall = a small shop in a market*