

GRAMMAR

Complete the conversations. Use the verbs in brackets in the present perfect simple or the past simple.

Example: I've been to South America, but I've *never been* (not / go) to Peru.

Petra 1 (you / remember) to pay that cheque into the bank?

Alan Yes, it went in this morning.

Tom 2 (you / ever / borrow) anyone's car?

Dave Yes, I borrowed my brother's and I crashed it!

Anna Hi, can I speak to Camille, please?

Beth I'm sorry, she 3 (just / go) out.

Doctor What seems to be the problem?

John I 4 (fall) over skiing. I think I 5 (break) my finger.

Peter How long 6 (you / know) Mike?

Liz Well, we 7 (meet) in 2015 and we've been good friends ever since.

Complete the time expressions with *for* or *since*.

Example: *for* many years

1 2003

2 we met in college

3 a very long time

4 the lesson began

5 a couple of months

6 Tuesday

VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

Example: I'm hoping my boss will raise my salary soon.
charge raise afford

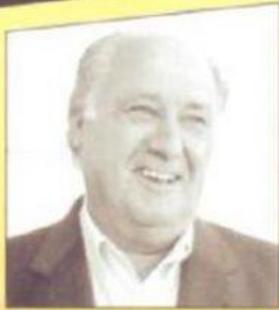
- 1 I pay my online.
cash salary bills
- 2 I don't think you'll a lot of money selling books in this market.
do pay earn
- 3 Felipe still me the €100 I lent him last month.
owes charges borrows
- 4 I try to some of my salary every month so that I can go travelling.
save afford cost
- 5 If you want to start your own business, you might need a from a bank.
budget loan tax
- 6 He a lot of money from his grandmother when she died last year.
invested inherited took out
- 7 I'm trying not to money on gadgets I will never use.
invest waste charge
- 8 My parents me some money so I could buy a car.
borrowed owed lent

READING

Read the article carefully

ZARA

Have you ever been to a Zara store?



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.

Read the text again and answer these questions

- A. Who is Amancio Ortega?

- B. What is unusual about him?

C. What was his first job?

D. When did he open his first Zara shop?

E. Where are the Zara shops now?

F. What are the secrets of Zara's success?

WRITING

Imagine you have just visited a place. Write a blog entry about it. Use the paragraph plan as help.

Title

Par 1 Say where you are and why you are writing this blog entry.

Par 2 Describe the place and say what the weather is like there.

Par 3 Say what you have done there.

Par 4 Say why people should visit it.