

pictures

1. Look at the pictures in chapter 1 and answer the questions.

Picture 1

- 1 • What does the man look like?
- 2 • Who doesn't seem very happy?
- 3 • What do you think the relationship is between the woman next to the door and the other two people?

Picture 2

- 4 • Why do you think the woman is not in a good mood?
- 5 • What can you see on the desk?
- 6 • What is on the front page?

words

2. Match the verbs (1-6) to their definitions (a-f).

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| 1 • to regret | a • to say something funny |
| 2 • to be up by | b • to establish |
| 3 • to joke | c • to look at someone angrily |
| 4 • to delay | d • to increase |
| 5 • to set up | e • to be sorry |
| 6 • to glare at | f • to postpone |

chapter one

A Handsome Man and an Angry Woman

Monday 1st March

All women found Cristian La Roque incredibly handsome. He had beautiful dark hair and eyes as blue as the sea. He was tall, slim and always elegantly dressed. His mother had given him a passion for clothes and at sixteen he decided to become a fashion designer. He was now twenty-nine and good at his job. But he was ambitious and he wanted to be the best. At 9.15 he walked into the offices of his latest employer, Folly Fashions.

Norma Folly was the owner of Folly Fashions, the fashion house she had set up thirty years ago. She was fifty-two years old but looked younger. She had blond hair, wore lots of make-up and liked to wear the latest fashions. Her dream was to have the most successful fashion house in Britain. She wanted everyone to know the name Folly Fashions.

Norma was not a happy woman. She was reading the front page of the newspaper *Business World*. The more she read, the angrier she became. She heard voices coming from reception. She got up, opened the door and saw her new



check your comprehension

3. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

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| | T | F |
| 1 • Cristian decided to become a fashion designer when he was 29. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 • Norma Folly is the owner of the most successful fashion house in Britain. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 • Cristian works for Norma. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 • Cristian has finished the autumn-winter collection. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 • The turnover of Crane Creations is increasing. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 • Folly Fashions make clothes for celebrities. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 • Folly Fashions don't pay their suppliers regularly. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Now rewrite the false sentences.

characters

4. Complete the sentences with the name of the correct character.

- _____ wears elegant clothes.
- _____ has always wanted to work as a fashion designer.
- _____ started Folly Fashions thirty years ago.
- _____ is 52, but looks younger.
- _____ works for her father.
- _____ is Cristian's boss.
- _____ wants to destroy Crane Creations.

words

5. Put the words below into groups.

ambitious angry beautiful collection designer dresses handsome happy orders payments profits show slim successful tall turnover

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	FASHION	BUSINESS	PERSONALITY

language

6. Complete these sentences with the *Present Simple* or the *Present Continuous* of the verbs in brackets.

- Norma Folly always _____ (*wear*) lots of make-up and the latest fashions.
- Cristian _____ (*prepare*) the autumn-winter collection at the moment.
- Laura Crane _____ (*work*) in her father's company.
- Where's Norma? She's in her office: she _____ (*read*) *Business World*.
- Crane Creations _____ (*receive*) orders from all over Europe every month.
- Cristian _____ (*not work*), he _____ (*chat*) to the secretary.

PRESENT SIMPLE OR PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Are you reading your horoscope? I never read my horoscope, I'm reading the business page!

story summary

7. Complete the story summary with the words below.

angry biggest destroy next orders passion profits started suppliers turnover

Norma Folly is the owner of Folly Fashions, a fashion company in Britain. She _____ the company thirty years ago. Cristian La Roque works as a fashion designer at Folly Fashions. He has a _____ for clothes and is very ambitious. He's working on the autumn-winter collection: the _____ fashion show is in three weeks' time, but he hasn't prepared all the designs yet. Norma is very _____ and very worried. She has read in the paper that Crane Creations, her _____ competitor, are very successful: their _____ are increasing and they receive _____ from all over Europe. Folly Fashions isn't very successful: their profits and their _____ are decreasing and sometimes they don't have the money to pay their _____. But Cristian isn't worried: he wants to _____ Crane Creations and knows how to do it.