

## Before you start

- 1 Read about Yves Saint Laurent. Look at the **highlighted** grammar examples.

### Great fashion designers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century

**Y**ves Saint Laurent is **considered to be** one of the most influential fashion designers of the twentieth century. His designs **have been copied** many times and his ideas form the basis of many of today's most famous fashion labels.

Saint Laurent was born in Algeria but at the age of seventeen he **moved to Paris** to work for the famous clothes designer, Christian Dior. At first Dior **had him copy** patterns and help with details, but it was clear that this young man had a great talent for design. So, when Christian Dior died in 1957, **the job of chief designer was given to Saint Laurent** by the directors of the Dior fashion house.

Saint Laurent created his first fashion collection for Dior in 1958. His designs for Dior were a huge success and within a few years he was making plans to start his own business. The new company **was set up by Saint Laurent** in 1962 and quickly became the most successful French fashion house of the 1960s and 70s.

But it wasn't enough for Saint Laurent to design clothes for the rich and famous. He wanted to create designs that anybody could afford. So in 1966 he formed a new company called *Rive Gauche* and **had his clothes mass-produced** in different sizes, so that anybody could wear them.

Saint Laurent always wanted to be different from other designers. For example, **it is said that** he was one of the first French designers to use black models in his shows. And he was certainly the first designer to put women in trouser suits and dinner jackets – clothes that **had previously only been worn by men**.



Yves Saint Laurent  
1936–2008

- 2 Now read the sentences and choose the correct words in *italics*. The **highlighted** grammar examples will help you.

- Your car isn't here. It has *taken / been taken* to the garage.
- Do you think that jacket was designed *by / of* a man?
- That ring was *given to / given* my mother by my father.
- My application for a loan was turned *by the bank down / down by the bank*.
- I have *cut my hair / my hair cut* once a month.
- My boss had me *take / to take* the report to the printers.
- Paris is thought *being / to be* the most beautiful city in Europe.
- It is *saying / said* that the city is more beautiful than Venice.

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- 3 Check your answers below. Then go to the unit for more information and practice.

I been taken 2 by 3 given to 4 down by the bank  
5 my hair cut 6 take 7 to be 8 said