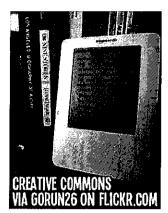
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30 million people invited to read books

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The co-founder of Facebook. Mark Zuckerberg, has launched what could be the world's largest ever book club. Zuckerberg announced last week that his New Year's resolution was to read a book every other week. He then invited his 30 million followers to join him in his literary pursuit. He

created his own Facebook page called A Year of Books, on which he will announce what his latest read is and ask people to discuss the book with him. He explained the rationale for his initiative in a post, saying: "I'm excited for my reading challenge. I've found reading books very intellectually fulfilling. Books allow you to fully explore a topic and immerse yourself in a deeper way than most media today."

Zuckerberg has already selected his first book, 'The End of Power' by Moises Naim. He explained" "It's a book that explores how the world is shifting to give individual people more power that was traditionally only held by large governments, militaries and other organizations. The trend towards giving people more power is one I believe in deeply, and I'm looking forward to reading this book and exploring this in more detail." Zuckerberg takes on a challenge every year as a way to broaden his perspectives and learn more about the world, different cultures, beliefs, histories and technologies. A previous task was to learn to speak Mandarin, which he has managed to do.

Sources: TIME / TechTimes.com / Mashable.com

Writing

Reading is the most important thing to learn at school. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

co-founder / Facebook / book club / resolution / literary / initiative / intellectually / selected / individual / power / looking forward / perspectives / beliefs / previous task

True / False

- a) Mark Zuckerberg has launched the world's biggest book club. T / F
- Zuckerberg said he would read a book every week for a year. T / F
- c) People will get the chance to discuss books with Zuckerberg. T / F
- Zuckerberg says reading books is intellectually fulfilling. T / F
- e) There is a competition to select Zuckerberg's first book. T / F
- f) Zuckerberg deeply believed individuals should have more power. T / F
- g) This is the first of many yearly challenges Zuckerberg will take on. T / F
- h) Zuckerberg previously learned to speak Mandarin. T / F

Synonym Match

launched 1. chosen a. 2 resolution b. satisfying 3. pursuit activity c. 4. fulfilling d. moving 5. immerse e. ways of thinking selected 6. f. started 7. shifting g. movement 8. trend h. earlier î. perspectives absorb 1d. previous intention İ.

Discussion – Student A

- a) Would you like to read the book Mark Zuckerberg selected?
- b) If you wrote a book, what would it be about?
- c) What would you say to someone who doesn't like reading?
- d) Are there any bad things about reading books?
- e) What do you think we'll be reading in 100 years from now?
- f) How often do you think people should read?
- g) What do you think of this reading challenge?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Mark Zuckerberg?

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1. Who is the co-founder of Facebook?
What has he founded?
What's his New Year's resolution(goal)?
What's the name of the Facebook page he created?(And what will he do?)
Why's he doing this?

- 2. What' the first book selected?
- 3. What does Zuckerberg try to do every year? What was a previous task?

4.Do you enjoy reading? If no, why not? If yes, why?

- 5.Tell me about a book you've read
- 6.What are your New Year's resolutions(goals) for 2021? (Name 3)

a.

b.

c.

7. How can reading help you learn English?