Practice worksheet

Present perfect vs Simple past

A. Read Molly's CV. Then, write T for true and F for false next to each statement about Molly.

1. She has worked at a cash register. _____
2. she has worked in a toy shop since 2006. _____
3. in 2010, she was a preschool teacher. _____
4. She hasn't worked as a toy tester. _____
5. She didn't complete her degree. _____

B. Molly is applying for a new job as a toy tester. Read Molly's cover letter and write each verb in the past simple or the present perfect.

I (1)_____ (work) with children since 2006. In my job as a network engineer, I (2) _____ (learn) about toys because I (3) _____ (work) for a toy company. I also (4) _____ (work) with toys when I (5) _____ (be) a toy shop assistant. Since 2018, I (6) _____ (work) directly with children. I (7) _____(learn) what kinds of toys are fun and educational. As a clown, I (8) _____ (see) what makes children stay interested. In my job as a network engineer, the part that I (9) _____ (enjoy) the most was learning about how the company (10) _____ (choose) the toys to sell. I (11) _____ (realise) that I was more interested in toys than in computers. After three years, I (12) _____ (leave) that job to spend more time with my own children to work from home. I (13) _____(feel) fulfilled as a daycare provider and a clown, but I (14) _____ (realise) that I want to do more. When I (15) _____ (see) your ad for a toy tester, I (16)_____ (have) to apply.

C. Write past simple or present perfect questions to go with the answers.

1. _____ ?

   She has worked as a clown since 2018.

2. _____ ?

   She worked as a network engineer for three years.

3. _____ ?

   She started working as a preschool teacher in 2009.

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