

2A GRAMMAR present perfect and simple past

a Circle the correct verb.

Mike So, where should we go for our honeymoon?

Gina I don't know. Maybe somewhere in North Africa. Have you ever ¹~~been~~ / ²gone to Morocco?

Mike Yes, ²I've been / ¹I went there.

Gina I didn't know that. When ³have you been / ⁴did you go there?

Mike The year after I ⁴have graduated / graduated from college.

Gina What about Egypt?

Mike ⁵I've been / ⁶I went there, too.

Gina Who ⁶have you been / ⁷did you go with?

Mike With an ex-girlfriend. But we only ⁷have been / ⁸went to Cairo. Let's go there.

Gina No, let's go somewhere else.



b Complete the dialogues with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses: simple past or present perfect. Use contractions where possible.

1 A How long ¹have you been (you / be) married, Glenn?
B Twenty-two years! Maxine and I ²had (have) our wedding anniversary three weeks ago.
A Where ³met (you / meet)? In college?
B No, it ⁴wasn't (be) long before that. Actually, we ⁵went (go) to the same elementary school. We ⁶met (know) each other for a long time. What about you?
A I'm divorced. I ⁷got (get) divorced a year ago.
B How long ⁸have you been (you / be) married?
A Just a couple of years.
B So, you're on your own now?
A Yes, but I ⁹met (just / meet) someone new and I really like her.



2 A ¹taught (you / teach) English abroad before, Ms. Jenkins?
B Yes, I ²taught (teach) from 2009-2011 in Bolivia, and I ³came (just / come) back from a four-month job in Columbia.
A How long ⁴have you been (you / be) a language teacher?
B Exactly six years. Before that I ⁵was (be) an elementary school teacher.
A Do you have any post-graduate qualifications?
B I ⁶started (start) an MA in Linguistics with the Open University last year, but I ⁷haven't finished (not finish) it yet.

