

**Complete the conversation with the present perfect or past simple form of the verbs in brackets. Use contractions where possible.**

A \_\_\_\_\_ (you, work) for a television company before?

B Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for three different companies since I finished university. Immediately after university I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a job with MTV.

A OK, so can you tell us something about your job at MTV?

B Yes, of course. What would you like to know?

A How long \_\_\_\_\_ (you, stay) at MTV?

B I \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) there for five years, from 2006 to 2011.

A Five years? And what \_\_\_\_\_ (you, like) most about the job?

B I really \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) being in charge of a team. It \_\_\_\_\_ (give) me some useful experience of managing other people.

A And now you're working at the BBC. So how long \_\_\_\_\_ (you, be) with the BBC?

B I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in my current job for two years.

A So how much experience \_\_\_\_\_ (you, have) of children's TV since you \_\_\_\_\_ (join) the BBC?

B I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the editor of The Magic Garden for the last nine months.

**Put the verb into the correct form, present perfect or past simple.**

1 \_\_\_\_\_ raining for a while, but now it's raining again. (it / stop)

2 The town where I live is very different now. \_\_\_\_\_ a lot. (it / change)

3 I studied German at school, but \_\_\_\_\_ most of it now. (I / forget)

4 The police \_\_\_\_\_ three people, but later they let them go. (arrest)

5 What do you think of my English? Do you think \_\_\_\_\_ ? (it / improve)

6 Are you ready to go? \_\_\_\_\_ your coffee? (you / finish)

7 \_\_\_\_\_ for a job as a tour guide, but I wasn't successful. (I / apply)

8 Where's my bike? \_\_\_\_\_ outside the house, but it's not there now. (it / be)

9 Quick! We need to call an ambulance. \_\_\_\_\_ an accident. (there / be)

10 a: I've found my phone.

b: Oh, good. Where \_\_\_\_\_ it? (you / find)

a: \_\_\_\_\_ at the bottom of my bag. (It / be)

- 11 a: Ben won't be able to play tennis for a while. \_\_\_\_\_ his arm. (He / break)  
b: Oh. How \_\_\_\_\_ ? (that / happen)  
a: \_\_\_\_\_ off a ladder. (He / fall)

**Put the verb into the correct form, present perfect or past simple.**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (I / not / be) to Canada, but I'd like to go there.  
2 Paul and Lucy \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) about ten minutes ago.  
3 I'm tired. \_\_\_\_\_ (I / not / sleep) well last night.  
4 \_\_\_\_\_ (There / be) a bus drivers' strike last week, so \_\_\_\_\_ (there / be) no buses.  
5 Edward \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a bank for 15 years. Then \_\_\_\_\_ (he / give) it up. Now he works as a gardener.  
6 Mary lives in Dublin. \_\_\_\_\_ (She / live) there all her life.  
7 My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ (die) before I was born. \_\_\_\_\_ (I / never / meet) him.  
8 I don't know Karen's husband. \_\_\_\_\_ (I / never / meet) him.  
9 It's nearly lunchtime, and \_\_\_\_\_ (I / not / see) Martin all morning. I wonder where he is.  
10 a: \_\_\_\_\_ (you / go) to the cinema last night?  
b: Yes, but the movie \_\_\_\_\_ (be) awful.  
11 a: \_\_\_\_\_ (It / be) very warm here since we arrived.  
b: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ (it / be) 35 degrees yesterday.  
12 a: Where do you live? b: In Boston.  
a: How long \_\_\_\_\_ (you / live) there? b: Five years.  
a: Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you / live) before that? b: In Chicago.  
a: And how long \_\_\_\_\_ (you / live) in Chicago? b: Two years.