

## 2nd Year – Use of English Practice

### VOCABULARY

- Match the phrases

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. My grandad was | a. on his 65 <sup>th</sup> birthday. |
| 2. He went        | b. in love with my grand at school.  |
| 3. He fell        | c. born in 1945.                     |
| 4. He left        | d. to school when he was five.       |
| 5. He started     | e. work when he was sixteen.         |
| 6. They got       | f. school in 1960.                   |
| 7. They had       | g. three children                    |
| 8. He retired     | h. married in 1968.                  |

- GRAMMAR: Present perfect or past simple?

1. Tick the correct option



My mum was born in Plymouth in 1948. When <sup>1</sup>**she left** / **she's left** school, she started work in an office in Plymouth. Later, the company <sup>2</sup>**sent** / **has sent** her to a different office in Bristol, where <sup>3</sup>**she met** / **she's met** my dad. <sup>4</sup>**They fell** / **They've fallen** in love, and <sup>5</sup>**they got** / **they've got** married in 1970. <sup>6</sup>**They had** / **They've had** three children – I'm the youngest.

<sup>7</sup>**They moved** / **They've moved** back to Plymouth again when my dad retired. They bought a very nice house and <sup>8</sup>**they lived** / **they've lived** there for two years now. My dad <sup>9</sup>**just put** / **has just put** a greenhouse in the garden for growing vegetables – <sup>10</sup>**he was** / **he's been** a keen gardener all his life. My parents <sup>11</sup>**made** / **have made** a lot of new friends and they're very happy in their new home.

- Write the verbs in the past simple or present perfect.

- 1 A How long have you studied English? (study)  
B Since I was little. I started learning it at school.  
(start)
- 2 A Are Tom and Gill married?  
B Yes, they are.  
A When \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ married? (get)  
B Last year. But they \_\_\_\_\_ together for about  
ten years now. (be)
- 3 A Is that man the new accountant?  
B Yes, he is.  
A How long \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ here? (work)  
B Only for two months. He \_\_\_\_\_ university in June.  
(finish)
- 4 A How long \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ your car?  
(have)  
B A long time! I \_\_\_\_\_ it in 2005, I think. (buy)
- 5 A When \_\_\_\_\_ Sandra \_\_\_\_\_ her  
boyfriend? (meet)  
B When she was at university. She \_\_\_\_\_ him for  
three years now. (know).
- 6 A How long \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ in London?  
(live)  
B Not long. I \_\_\_\_\_ six months ago. (arrive)