

2A GRAMMAR present perfect and past simple

a Circle the correct verb.

Mike So, where shall we go for our honeymoon?

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

Mike Yes, I've been / **I went** there.

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

Mike The year after I have finished / **finished** university.

Gina What about Egypt?

Mike I've been / **I went** there, too.

Gina Who have you been / **did you go** with?

Mike With an ex-girlfriend. But we only have been / **went** 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 brackets: past simple or present perfect. Use contractions where possible.

1 **A** How long have you been (you / be) married, Glenn?

B Twenty-two years! Maxine and I ² _____ (have) our wedding anniversary three weeks ago.

A Where ³ _____ (you / meet)? At university?

B No, it ⁴ _____ (be) long before that. Actually, we ⁵ _____ (go) to the same school. We ⁶ _____ (know) each other for a long time. What about you?

A I'm divorced. I ⁷ _____ (get) divorced a year ago.

B How long ⁸ _____ (you / be) married?

A Just a couple of years.

B So, you're on your own now?

A Yes, but I ⁹ _____ (just / meet) someone new and I really like her.



2 **A** ¹ _____ (you / teach) English abroad before, Ms Jenkins?

B Yes, I ² _____ (teach) from 2009-2011 in Bolivia, and I ³ _____ (just / come) back from a four-month job in Columbia.

A How long ⁴ _____ (you / be) a language teacher?

B Exactly six years. Before that I ⁵ _____ (be) a primary school teacher.

A Do you have any post-graduate qualifications?

B I ⁶ _____ (start) an MA in Linguistics with the Open University last year, but I ⁷ _____ (not finish) it yet.



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c Practise the dialogues in a and b with a partner.

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- a 2 I've been 3 did you go 4 finished 5 I've been
6 did you go 7 went
- b 1 2 had 3 did you meet 4 was 5 went 6 've known
7 got 8 were you 9 've just met
- 2 1 Have you taught 2 taught 3 have just come
4 have you been 5 was 6 started
7 haven't finished