

Lesson preparation

1. R3.1 Listen. Who said these sentences, **Sam** or **Marcia**:

- a. I've worked in two other Central American countries and I had a great time in both places.
- b. We've been away together a few times, but each time there was a problem at the hotel.
- c. I started working in the hotel industry 14 years ago.
- d. Last month two guys set off on their own.
- e. I've lived in this country for three years.
- f. My husband and I have had this place since 2001.
- g. I've just been to San Isidro to pick up a guest.
- h. My husband's gone to see some friends off.

2. Look at the sentences in 1. Complete the rules with **Present Perfect** or **Past simple**.

- a. We use the _____ to talk about experiences in our life up to now, but we don't say when they happened. To give more information about an experience we use the _____
- b. We use the _____ to say when something happened.
- c. We use the _____ for something that started in the past and continues in the present.
- d. We use the _____ for something that happened a short time ago, but we don't say exactly when.

3. Put the verbs in brackets in the Present Perfect or Past Simple.

In the nineties we 1 _____ (*come*) here every year on holiday. Then in 2001 we 2 _____ (*decide*) to open a restaurant. We 3 _____ (*live*) here since then and we 4 _____ (*just open*) a guest house nearby. The main problem is holidays. We 5 _____ (*go*) to Spain twice, but our last holiday 6 _____ (*be*) two years ago. We 7 _____ (*not have*) any time off since then. My parents are

here at the moment — it's the third time they 8 _____ (*visit*) us this year! Brian's family are arriving today too. In fact, he 9 _____ (*just go*) to pick them up from the airport.