

9C GRAMMAR present perfect or past simple?

c Complete the dialogues with the present perfect or the past simple.

- 1 A How long *have* you *played* (play) the violin?
 B Since I *was* (be) four, I _____ (love) music all my life.
 A Was it a difficult instrument to learn?
 B Yes. I _____ (not be) very good when I _____ (start).



- 2 A _____ your brother _____ (finish) university?
 B Yes, he _____ (finish) three weeks ago.
 A What's he going to do now?
 B He _____ (not decide) yet.
- 3 A Where do your parents live?
 B They _____ (live) in Brighton since last year. But before that they _____ (live) in Birmingham.
 A Why _____ they _____ (leave) Birmingham?
 B Because my dad _____ (retire).
- 4 A I _____ (see) Oliver yesterday. He _____ (tell) me about your plans to move to Australia.
 B Yes, I'm very excited... and a bit nervous too.
 A _____ you ever _____ (live) abroad before?
 B No, never. I _____ (never be) very interested in foreign travel.
 A How about your wife?
 B Oh, Lily loves travelling! She _____ (visit) lots of different countries.
- 5 A _____ you _____ (hear) about Andy and Francesca?
 B No. What?
 A They _____ (separate).
 B Really? That's a shame. I _____ (think) they were very happy together.
- 6 A Is your brother married?
 B Yes, he _____ (be) married for ages. About ten years. He _____ (fall) in love with Sarah when they were both at secondary school. They _____ (get) married when they _____ (be) only 18.

b Practise the dialogues in a with a partner.

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c Write a four-line dialogue beginning with *Have you ever...*?