

## Empower B1+ U2A

### 1 GRAMMAR Present perfect simple and past simple

a Underline the correct words to complete the exchanges.

- 1 A How long *were you* / have you been at your present company?  
B *I worked* / *I've worked* for them since 2012.
- 2 A *Did you ever arrive* / *Have you ever arrived* late for a job interview?  
B Yes, last month, because of a delay on the train.  
*I arrived* / *I've arrived* there two hours late!
- 3 A *Did she ever work* / *Has she ever worked* in another country?  
B Yes, *she spent* / *she's spent* nine months in our Madrid office in 2008.
- 4 A *Matt applied* / *Matt's applied* for 20 jobs since January.  
B Yes and he *didn't have* / *hasn't had* any interviews yet.
- 5 A *Did you meet* / *Have you met* your new boss yet?  
B Yes, *I met* / *I've met* her for the first time yesterday.

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

- A <sup>1</sup>Have you worked (you, work) for a television company before?
- B Yes, <sup>2</sup>I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for three different companies since I finished university. Immediately after university I <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (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 <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (you, stay) at MTV?
- B I <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (stay) there for five years, from 2006 to 2011.
- A Five years? And what <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (you, like) most about the job?
- B I really <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) being in charge of a team. It <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (give) me some useful experience of managing other people.
- A And now you're working at the BBC. So how long <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (you, be) with the BBC?
- B I <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (be) in my current job for two years.
- A So how much experience <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (you, have) of children's TV since you <sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (join) the BBC?
- B I <sup>13</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (be) the editor of *The Magic Garden* for the last nine months.