

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