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 [1]Have you worked (you, work) for a television company before?
B Yes, [2]I _____ (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.

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