

9C GRAMMAR present perfect or past simple? (2)

- a** Complete the conversations with the present perfect or the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

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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 It _____ (be) very hard 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 In Brighton. They _____ (live) there since last year. Before that they _____ (live) in Birmingham.

A Why _____ they _____ (leave) Birmingham?

B Because my dad _____ (retire), and they _____ (want) to live near the sea.
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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 travelling.

A How about your wife?

B Oh, Ava loves travelling! She _____ (visit) lots of different countries.
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A _____ you _____ (hear) about Andy and Francesca?

B No. What?

A They _____ (separate).

B Really? That's a pity. I _____ (think) they were very happy together.
- 6

A Is your brother married?

B Yes, he _____ (be) married for ages – about ten years. He _____ (meet) his wife Sarah when they were both at secondary school. They _____ (get) married when they _____ (be) only 18.

- b** Practise the conversations with a partner.

ACTIVATION

Complete the sentences with information about real people (either people you know or famous people).

- 1 _____ and _____ were married for about _____ years.
- 2 _____ and _____ have been married since _____.
- 3 _____ lived in _____ for about _____ years.
- 4 _____ have / has lived in _____ for about _____ years.