

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.