

## 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.

- 1 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.
- 4 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, Lily loves travelling! She \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) lots of different countries.
- 5 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.