

9C GRAMMAR present perfect or simple past?

a Complete the dialogues with the present perfect or the simple past.

- 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 Yes. I _____ (not be) very good when I _____ (start).



- 2 **A** _____ your brother _____ (finish) college?
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 They _____ (live) in Arizona since last year. But before that they _____ (live) in Michigan.
A Why _____ they _____ (leave) Michigan?
B Because my dad _____ (retire).
- 4 **A** I _____ (see) Oliver yesterday. He _____ (tell) me about your plans to move to Beijing.
B Yes, I'm very excited... and a little nervous, too.
A _____ you ever _____ (live) abroad before?
B No, never. I _____ (never be) very interested in foreign travel.
A How about your wife?
B Oh, Sofia loves traveling! She _____ (visit) a lot of different countries.
- 5 **A** _____ you _____ (hear) about Andy and Francesca?
B No. What?
A They _____ (separate).
B Really? That's a shame. I _____ (think) they were very happy together.
- 6 **A** Is your brother married?
B Yes, he _____ (be) married for a long time. About ten years. He _____ (fall) in love with Sarah when they were both in high school. They _____ (get) married when they _____ (be) only 18.

b Practice the dialogues in **a** with a partner.

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c Write a four-line dialogue beginning with *Have you ever...*?