## 2A GRAMMAR present perfect and simple past

- a Circle the correct verb.
  - Mike So, where should we go for our honeymoon?
  - **Gina** I don't know. Maybe somewhere in North Africa. Have you ever **been**/ **gone** to Morocco?
  - Mike Yes, 21've been / I went there.
  - Gina I didn't know that. When 3have you been / did you go there?
  - Mike The year after I have graduated / graduated from college.
  - **Gina** What about Egypt?
  - Mike 51've been / I went there, too.
  - Gina Who have you been / did you go with?
  - **Mike** With an ex-girlfriend. But we only <sup>7</sup>have been / went to Cairo. Let's go there.

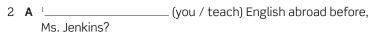
Gina No, let's go somewhere else.



- **b** Complete the dialogues with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses: simple past or present perfect. Use contractions where possible.
  - 1 A How long <u>have you been</u> (you / be) married, Glenn?

    B Twenty-two years! Maxine and I<sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_\_(have)
    - our wedding anniversary three weeks ago.

      A Where 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (you / meet)? In college?
    - B No, it 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) long before that. Actually, we 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the same elementary school. We 6 \_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) each other for a long time. What about you?
    - **A** I'm divorced. I 7\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) divorced a year ago.
    - **B** How long <sup>8</sup> (you / be) married?
    - **A** Just a couple of years.
    - **B** So, you're on your own now?
    - A Yes, but I 9\_\_\_\_\_ (just / meet) someone new and I really like her.



- **B** Yes,  $I^2$  (teach) from 2009-2011 in Bolivia, and  $I^3$  (just / come) back from a four-month job in Columbia.
- A How long <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / be) a language teacher?
- **B** Exactly six years. Before that I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) an elementary school teacher.
- **A** Do you have any post-graduate qualifications?
- **B** I <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_\_ (start) an MA in Linguistics with the Open University last year, but I <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not finish) it yet.



## activation

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