

## 9C GRAMMAR present perfect or past simple?

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

- 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) 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 They \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Brighton since last year. But before that they \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Birmingham.  
 A Why \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) Birmingham?  
 B Because my dad \_\_\_\_\_ (retire).
- 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 foreign travel.  
 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 shame. I \_\_\_\_\_ (think) they were very happy together.
- 6 A Is your brother married?  
 B Yes, he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) married for ages. About ten years. He \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) in love with Sarah when they were both at secondary school. They \_\_\_\_\_ (get) married when they \_\_\_\_\_ (be) only 18.

b Practise the dialogues in a with a partner.

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

## SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 9C

1 've loved; wasn't; started

2 Has", finished; finished; hasn't decided

3 've lived; lived; did . . . leave; retired

4 saw; told; Have .. .lived; 've never been; 's visited

5 Have ... heard; 've separated; thought

6 's been; fell; got; were