

2A GRAMMAR present perfect and past simple

a Circle the correct verb.

Mike So, where shall we go for our honeymoon?

Gina I don't know. Maybe somewhere in North Africa. Have you ever **been** / **gone** to Morocco?

Mike Yes, **I've been** / **I went** there.

Gina I didn't know that. When **have you been** / **did you go** there?

Mike The year after I **have finished** / **finished** university.

Gina What about Egypt?

Mike **I've been** / **I went** there, too.

Gina Who **have you been** / **did you go** with?

Mike With an ex-girlfriend. But we only **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 brackets: past simple or present perfect. Use contractions where possible.

- 1 **A** How long have you been (you / be) married, Glenn?
B Twenty-two years! Maxine and I ² _____ (have) our wedding anniversary three weeks ago.
A Where ³ _____ (you / meet)? At university?
B No, it ⁴ _____ (be) long before that. Actually, we ⁵ _____ (go) to the same 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 ⁸ _____ (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.



- 2 **A** ¹ _____ (you / teach) English abroad before, Ms Jenkins?
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 ⁴ _____ (you / be) a language teacher?
B Exactly six years. Before that I ⁵ _____ (be) a primary school teacher.
A Do you have any post-graduate qualifications?
B I ⁶ _____ (start) an MA in Linguistics with the Open University last year, but I ⁷ _____ (not finish) it yet.



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c Practise the dialogues in a and b with a partner.

SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 2A

a)

2 I've been

3 did you go

4 finished 5 I've been

6 did you go

7 went

1.b)

2 had

3 did you meet

4 was

5 went

6 've known

7 got

8 were you

9 've just met

2.b)

1 Have you taught

2 taught

3 have just come

4 have you been

5 was

6 started

7 haven't finished