



3 GRAMMAR present perfect or past simple?

a Circle the correct verb forms.

I ¹ **knew** / **'ve known** Teresa for ages, almost since we ² **were** / **'ve been** born. We ³ **met** / **'ve met** at the same nursery school when we ⁴ **were** / **'ve been** only four years old and we ⁵ **'re** / **'ve been**



friends since then. We ⁶ **went** / **'ve been** to the same primary school, we ⁷ **were** / **have been** in the same class at secondary school, and now we're at the same university.

At least we don't study the same subjects. She's doing Geography and I ⁸ **chose** / **have chosen** History. But I've always wanted to be a teacher, and yesterday Teresa ⁹ **told** / **'s told** me that she wants to do the same thing!

We ¹⁰ **'ve been** / **were** together for a long time, and we ¹¹ **shared** / **'ve shared** a lot of great experiences - maybe teaching together will be next!

b Write the verbs in the past simple or present perfect. Use contractions where necessary.

1 A How long have you lived in Washington? (live)

B Since last November.

2 A I _____ divorced last year. (get)

B How long _____ you married? (be)

3 I _____ university when I was 22, and since then I _____ as a civil engineer. (leave, work)

4 A Where _____ you _____ for your last holiday? (go)

B We _____ the Orient Express to Venice. (take)

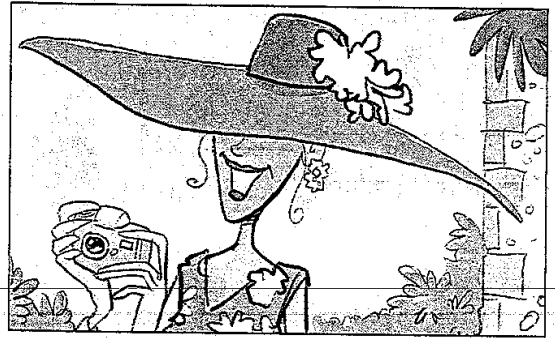
5 A How long _____ you _____ that car? (have)

B A long time! I _____ it in 1994. (buy)

6 I _____ Emma since she _____ to Australia three years ago. (not see, move)



c Complete the dialogues.



1 A Have you ever worn (you / ever / wear) a big hat?

B Yes, I _____.

A When _____ (you / wear) it?

B When I _____ (go) to a wedding last summer.

2 A _____ (you / ever / borrow) your father's clothes?

B Yes, I _____.

A What _____ (you / borrow)?

B A tie. I _____ (need) one for an interview.

3 A _____ (you / ever / meet) a fashion model?

B No, I _____.

4 A _____ (you / ever / buy) any second-hand clothes?

B Yes, I _____. I _____ (buy) a beautiful white shirt for £1.50 in a market.

5 A _____ (you / ever / have) an argument about clothes?

B Yes, I _____. My brother _____ (take) my best sweater to the beach and _____ (ruin) it.



QUESTION TIME



Can you answer these questions?

- 1 Have you ever read a book in English?
- 2 Have you ever written an e-mail in English?
- 3 What are the most expensive clothes you've ever bought?
- 4 Have you ever been abroad?
- 5 Have you ever sung in public?