How long have you worked there?

1 Conversation Read, and fill in the spaces.

Scene: Tom is having a job interview. Sarah is asking him questions about his work history.

Sarah So Tom, tell me about your current .................
Tom Sure. I work for ABC Chemicals. I'm ........................ international sales.
Sarah So, how long have you worked there?
Tom Um, I've worked at ABC since 2016.
Sarah OK. Where did you work ................ that?
Tom I worked for Tennant Research. I was a Junior Analyst. I worked there for five years.
Sarah Was that your first job?
Tom Yes. Before that, I was at ................
Sarah That's fine. Thank you.

2 Tom's Career History

Complete the chart. Write the company names in ① and ② and the years in ③ and ④.

At College   ② Worked at                        ① Worked at

③ ......... ④ ......... 2020

3 Language Work Fill in the blanks with a verb from the box in the correct form.

Finished Past  Unfinished Past

① I ................. in Italy for one year. ② I have ................. my best friend for ten years.
③ I ................. college ten years ago. ④ I have ................. at my company since 1995.

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Andrew:

So Tom, tell me about your current job.

Tom:

Sure. I __________________ for ABC Chemicals. I'm in charge of international sales.

Andrew:

So, how long ________________ you ______________ there?

Tom:

Um, I __________________ at ABC since 2016.

Andrew:

OK. Where ______________ you ______________ before that?

Tom:

I __________________ for Tennant Research. I ______________ a Junior Analyst. I __________________ there for five years.

Andrew:

__________________________ that your first job?

Tom:

Yes. Before that, I ______________ at college.

Andrew:

That's fine. Thank you.

5. Language Practice

Tell your partner about Claire's work history. Your partner will then tell you about Peter.

Claire:

At College  Worked at TP Inc.  Works at RJ Motors

2007  2014  2020

Peter:

2020

6. Discussion Ask your classmates about their work histories.

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Andrew: So Tom, tell me about your current job.
Tom: Sure. I ....................... for ABC Chemicals. I'm in charge of international sales.
Andrew: So, how long ................ you ................ there?
Tom: Um, I ......................... at ABC since 2015.
Andrew: OK. Where ................ you ................ before that?
I ...................... there for five years.
Andrew: ................ that your first job?
Tom: Yes. Before that, I ................... at college.
Andrew: That's fine. Thank you.

5. Language Practice

Tell your partner about Peter's work history. Your partner will then tell you about Claire.

Peter: At College | Works at MacroSoft | Works at JP Holdings
2009 | 2015 | 2020

Claire: 2020

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### Suggested Teaching Method

This worksheet compares the Present Perfect Simple with the Past Simple for finished and unfinished events. The worksheet also includes practice of 'for' and 'since'.

**Important:** There are two versions of the second page. The difference is the information gap activity in exercise five. Make sure that half of your class has one version (page 2a), and the other half has the other version (page 2b).

1. Have students speculate on the picture. What is happening? Who are the two people? If your students suggest a job interview, you might want to elicit or teach the words interviewer and applicant / interviewee.

   Direct your students' attention to the words in the box. Students should read through the conversation, filling in the blanks. When finished, they should check in pairs. Finally, students should practice the conversation aloud once, and then change roles. Answer any vocabulary questions the students have.

2. Follow the instructions. Students can work in pairs for this exercise. Go through the answers on the board.

3. Students can work alone, and check their answers in pairs.

4. Students can work in pairs and check their answers against the original conversation.

5. Assign pairs. One person should have Peter's information. The other student should have Claire's information.

   Students should ask questions and create a time line in the same style as exercise two.

   You could offer additional assistance by having students ask questions about your job history. Write the time line on the board.

   Students should swap roles when finished and then compare their answers with their partner.

6. Demonstrate with a confident student. If your students need extra help, run through the questions they will need before beginning.

   Monitor the activity, making notes on errors you hear. When your students have finished, elicit some feedback and go through on the board some of the errors you heard.

   The answer key is on the next page.
Answer Key

1. job
2. in charge of
3. before
4. college

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At College _worked at Tennant Research _works at ABC Chemicals

0 2011 0 2016 0 2020

3

1. lived
2. known
3. left
4. have worked

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