

Present Perfect or Past Simple?

Put the verb in brackets in the Present Perfect or the Past Simple.

Interviewer Today I'm talking to Tony Crooks, the British film director. Tell me, Tony, how long have you been (be) a film director?

Tony Well, I (1) _____ (study) film-making at university in the 1970s, and I (2) _____ (work) as a director for over 20 years now.

Interviewer What (3) _____ (be) the first film you (4) _____ (make)?

Tony *A Prisoner's Life* in 1978, but I (5) _____ (lose) the only copy a year later so nobody (6) _____ (see) it since then! My first successful film (7) _____ (be) *Always*, which (8) _____ (come out) in 1982.

Interviewer And how many countries

(9) _____ (visit)? (10) _____ (make) films outside Britain?

Tony I (11) _____ (not work) in many countries – only Britain, Germany, and Italy. Last month I (12) _____ (fly) to Berlin and (13) _____ (spend) two weeks filming there.

Interviewer When (14) _____ (go) to Italy

Tony In 1995. I (15) _____ (want) to make a TV documentary called *North and South*, about regional differences in Europe, and I (16) _____ (drive) all the way from the Alps to Sicily.

Interviewer What are the best things about your job?

Tony The travel and the people. I

(17) _____ (travel) all over the world going to film festivals and so on. And I

(18) _____ (meet) some great people

Interviewer (19) _____ (start) any new projects recently?

Tony Yes, last week I (20) _____ (sign) a contract for a new film set in China.

Interviewer Well, thank you, Tony – it

(21) _____ (be) very interesting talking you ...