

EXERCISE 3.4 *continued*

## Story Two

Susan Larson's grandfather, Frederick Larson, is 95 years old, and he **has had** a very interesting life. He **has travelled** to many different countries, and he **has lived** in Thailand. He **has worked** as a teacher in Thailand and Nepal.

This story is about Frederick Larson's life experiences, and there is no specified time. (e.g. last year). However, you can use the present perfect because he is still alive, so there is a connection to the present.

## EXERCISE 3.5



Listen to the CD (Track 5).

Fill in the spaces with the past tense.

**Martin Brown (M) is David Evan's great-grandson. He is talking to his grandmother, Louise Evans (L), about his great-grandfather's life.**

(M) Grandma, how old **was** my great-grandfather when he died?

(L) He **was** 92 years old.

(M) Really? Did he have an interesting life?

(L) Yes, 1. he \_\_\_\_\_ (*have*) an incredible life. 2. He \_\_\_\_\_ (*come*) from a very poor family, but 3. he \_\_\_\_\_ (*finish*) school, and then 4. he \_\_\_\_\_ (*study*) to be a doctor. His wife, your great-grandmother, 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (*be*) a nurse, so they both 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (*go*) to Africa, and 7. they \_\_\_\_\_ (*work*) in a small hospital. 8. They \_\_\_\_\_ (*help*) so many people. They also 9. \_\_\_\_\_ (*spend*) many years living in Vietnam, where your great-grandmother 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (*give*) birth to me.

(M) Wow! In Vietnam! That's amazing!

(L) Your great-grandfather 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (*write*) a very interesting book about his life. 12. It \_\_\_\_\_ (*sell*) one million copies. Would you like to read it?

(M) Yes, I'd love to! Anyway, Grandma, thank you for telling me about my great-grandfather. Do you have any photos?

(L) Yes, I have a few I can show you.