Read this text about the old colonel. Then use the answer prompts to write questions using either the present perfect or the past simple.

I think I have had a very interesting life. I'm 73 now and I don't work anymore. I was in the army for 51 years. I retired when I was 69. I have been to so many countries that I can't remember all of them. I've been to Australia six or seven times and to South Africa three times. I have also been once to Russia but I didn't like it at all: much too cold for me!

They say that love is the greatest thing and I agree. I've been married four times but never for more than five years. I don't think women really understand me!

I've never been on television, but I've been on the radio once. It was a programme about life in the military about twenty years ago. I met the Prime Minister on the same day. Actually, I've met a lot of famous people: members of the royal family, famous politicians and also famous cinema and television personalities. I've never met the American President though which is a pity.

Because I've travelled a lot, I've seen a lot of wonderful things and have also eaten and drunk some strange foods and drinks. I ate cat and rat in India and drank something called Mirto on a little island in Italy many years ago.

1. What job …. before retiring? - He worked in the army.

2. … he in the army? - For 51 years.

3. How many … been to Australia? - Six or seven times.

4. … like Russia? - No, it was too cold.

5. … married so many times? - Because women don't understand him.

6. Has he ever … ? Yes, he has. But never on TV.

7. When … the prime minister? - When he was on the radio.

8. Has … American president? - No, he hasn't but he wants to.

9. Where … cat and rat? - In India.

10. … drunk Mirto? - Yes, he has. In Italy.