

Grade 9 - Review for Mid-term I

Complete the email. Use the present simple or present continuous of the verbs in the box.

cost depend go have look love make stay still / study taste write

Hi Rosa,

I ⁽¹⁾ *'m writing* to you from an Internet café in the city centre. I ⁽¹⁾
in a cheap hotel near Plaza Catalunya. It ⁽²⁾ just forty euros a night – not bad!

Barcelona is a really exciting city and I ⁽³⁾ a wonderful time! This morning I visited
the Sagrada Familia – a famous Catholic church in Barcelona. It's really weird – it ⁽⁴⁾
like a wedding cake! Later today I might go to the beach – it ⁽⁵⁾ on the weather.

The food's great. Crema Catalana is my favourite – I just ⁽⁶⁾ it! It's a dessert they
⁽⁷⁾ here with cold custard and sugar on top. It ⁽⁸⁾ absolutely delicious!

So, everything ⁽⁹⁾ well here. What about you? Is everything OK back in rainy
Milan? ⁽¹⁰⁾ (you) for your exam next week?

See you soon!

Paola

2 Read the sentences from a letter of application and choose the correct answer.

- 0 I am writing in connection with the advertisement which appeared / *has appeared* in *Career* online magazine on 3 December.
- 1 I *originally studied* / *have originally studied* Mechanical Engineering at university and I *graduated* / *have been graduating* with a first class degree.
- 2 I *now completed* / *have now completed* a postgraduate degree in Business and Administration.
- 3 I *have tried* / *have been trying* to find a permanent job for months.
- 4 I *worked* / *have worked* for several companies on a temporary basis till now.
- 5 In my first job, I *was* / *have been* responsible for marketing.
- 6 I *applied* / *have applied* for several posts this year.
- 7 However, I still *did not manage* / *have not managed* to find what I am looking for.
- 8 The last job I *applied* / *have applied* for required applicants to speak some Japanese.
- 9 I *started* / *have started* learning Spanish a few months ago but I *did not obtain* / *have not obtained* a qualification in it yet.
- 10 I *did not apply* / *have not applied* for a job with your company before.
- 11 I *hoped* / *have hoped* that you would consider my application favourably.
- 12 However, I *have waited* / *have been waiting* for a reply for several weeks and I still *did not receive* / *have not received* one from you.