

Verb forms and their markers in Emails



Read the email. Then choose the best word to fill each gap from A, B, C or D below.

Hi Angela, thanks for your email. I ⁽¹⁾ D from you for ages! Was it really a year ⁽²⁾ that we ⁽³⁾ at the English Centre? Do you know, I've ⁽⁴⁾ forgotten the name of our teacher! Anyway, I'm pleased to hear that you're ⁽⁵⁾ enjoying your job, and that your relationship with Carlos ⁽⁶⁾ well. Yes, I know it's been ages ⁽⁷⁾ I last emailed you too, but I've been really busy. ⁽⁸⁾ the last few months ⁽⁹⁾ at a wine bar. I start work at six every evening, and ⁽¹⁰⁾ until midnight. I'm trying to save some money to go to Thailand, but I haven't got enough ⁽¹¹⁾ I'm really enjoying it now, although at first it ⁽¹²⁾ difficult. There are always so many people ordering things at the same time. By the way, I ⁽¹³⁾ to Manuella on the phone the other day and she ⁽¹⁴⁾ you might come over here for a visit. Please do – you know you're always welcome to stay at our house.

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| 1) A have heard | B don't hear | C did hear | D haven't heard |
| 2) A before | B ago | C previous | D since |
| 3) A have been | B did be | C were | D are |
| 4) A still | B yet | C already | D however |
| 5) A yet | B still | C longer | D soon |
| 6) A is going | B goes | C went | D go |
| 7) A for | B already | C while | D since |
| 8) A For | B As | C While | D Since |
| 9) A I work | B I had worked | C I worked | D I've been working |
| 10) A I don't leave | B I'm not leaving | C I haven't left | D I'm not going to leave |
| 11) A already | B still | C yet | D soon |
| 12) A has been | B had been | C was | D is |
| 13) A talk | B have talked | C have been talking | D was talking |
| 14) A mentions | B mentioned | C has mentioned | D has been mentioning |