

**Read the text and complete it with the correct form of the verbs in simple past or present perfect.**

Hillside Hostel,  
Beverly Hills Road,  
Hollywood Park,  
Los Angeles  
Apt 9 Suit 96

November, 7th

Dear Mum,

Thanks for my birthday presents, especially the Ipad. It is fantastic and I \_\_\_\_\_ (use) it every day. I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a sweatshirt from Uncle Sam and a really nice leather wallet from my grandma.

And on Wednesday morning, Jane from school \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) me. My birthday \_\_\_\_\_ (is) great. I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a party at the hostel on Thursday evening. The other volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ (give) me a Maroon 5 album. And they \_\_\_\_\_ (make) me a big chocolate birthday cake.

We \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very busy with the project at the studios. The outside of the building looks really good now. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not/ start) painting the inside yet, but we \_\_\_\_\_ (do) a lot of work on the walls and the windows.

Last Tuesday, the workmen \_\_\_\_\_ (put) in a new wooden floor and four of us \_\_\_\_\_ (polish) it yesterday. It \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a long time but the floor looks fantastic.

A local TV crew \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a programme about us last week, but we \_\_\_\_\_ (not / see) it yet. It is going to be on TV.

Anyway, I must stop now – Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (come) in to tell me it' time for dinner.

Lots of love  
James