

A letter from college

Listen to the story and fill in the missing verb forms:

This girl, she _____ to college, and she _____ her parents for such a long time; and then she _____ really bad about not contacting her parents, so she _____ to write a letter to her parents to kind of explain the reason why she _____ in touch with her parents for such a long time. And this is what she _____:

"Dear mum and dad. Since I _____ for college I _____ remiss in writing, and I'm sorry for my thoughtlessness in not having written before. I _____ you up to date, but before I do, can you please sit down? It's very important that you sit down before you read on.

I _____ pretty well now that the skull fracture and the concussion that I got when I _____ out of my dormitory window when it _____ on fire shortly after my arrival (it) has pretty well healed. I only _____ those sick headaches a couple of times a day. Fortunately, an attendant at the gas station _____ the fire in my dormitory, and the jump, he _____ over, _____ me to hospital and continued to visit me there.



When I _____ out of the hospital, I had nowhere to live because of the burnt out conditions of my room, so he was kind enough to invite me to share his basement bedroom apartment with him. It's sort of small, but very cute. He is a very fine boy, and we _____ deeply in love, and we _____ to get married. We _____ the exact date yet, but it _____ before my pregnancy _____ to show. Yes, mum and dad, I'm pregnant. I know how much you _____ to being grandparents, and I know you _____ the baby and give it the same tender care and devotion that you gave me when I was a child..."

1. Write a list of all the upsetting things that happened to this girl shortly after she left for college.

2. Find in the story synonyms for the following words/expressions:

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| a. careless, negligent | f. saw, noticed |
| b. lack of consideration | g. The part of a building that is completely or partly underground |
| c. injure to the brain due to a blow or a fall | h. eagerly expecting |
| d. a building with rooms for students | i. dedication |
| e. restored to health | |