

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

August, 19th

Dear Mum,

Thanks for my birthday presents, especially the iPad. It is fantastic and I 1. _____ (use) it every day. I 2. _____ (get) a sweatshirt from Uncle Sam and a really nice leather wallet from my grandma.

On Wednesday morning, Jane from school 3. _____ (phone) me.

My birthday 4. _____ (is) great. I 5. _____ (have) a party at the hostel on Thursday evening. The other volunteers 6. _____ (give) me a Maroon 5 album. They also 7. _____ (make) me a big chocolate birthday cake.

We 8. _____ (be) very busy with the project at the studios. The outside of the building looks really good now. We 9. _____ (not/ start) painting the inside yet, but we 10. _____ (do) a lot of work on the walls and the windows. Last Tuesday, the workmen 11. _____ (put) in a new wooden floor and four of us 12. _____ (polish) it yesterday. It 13. _____ (take) a long time but the floor looks fantastic.

A local TV crew 14. _____ (make) a programme about us last week, but we 15. _____ (not / see) it yet. It is going to be on TV.

Anyway, I must stop now – Tom has come in to tell me it's time for dinner.

Lots of love,

James