

A Complete the email with the past simple or present perfect of the verbs in brackets.

To m.smith24@gmailbox.com

Dear Mum and Dad,

Sorry I ¹ _____ (not write) in a while, but things are crazy here. I can't believe it ² _____ (be) six months ago that I left and that we ³ _____ (not see) each other for that long.

This trip ⁴ _____ (be) fantastic so far, at least until a few days ago, when things ⁵ _____ (take) a turn for the worse. We ⁶ _____ (arrive) in the city centre and ⁷ _____ (check) into the first hotel we ⁸ _____ (see). Now, you know I ⁹ _____ (stay) in a lot of one-star hotels in my life, but this one ¹⁰ _____ (be) really bad, so we ¹¹ _____ (decide) to go straight out to see the city.

Unfortunately, we ¹² _____ (forget) to lock our room, and when we ¹³ _____ (get) back, our luggage and most of our money was gone. We ¹⁴ _____ (call) the police right away, and I ¹⁵ _____ (go) back to the police station several times since then, but no one ¹⁶ _____ (hand) in any of our things.

Anyway, could you send me €1,000 please?

Thanks and love,

Joanna

B Underline the correct time phrase.

- 1 I've never played squash before moving here/before.
- 2 No wonder I've got a headache! It's two o'clock and I didn't have a coffee this morning/this afternoon.
- 3 Up to now/Until I took this course, I always believed that English was easy.
- 4 I've known Maria for/since ten years now.
- 5 So far/In the first week of term I haven't missed any classes.
- 6 I had trouble concentrating at work since/until I got new glasses.
- 7 I've never ridden a scooter again after/since the accident.
- 8 I haven't worked this month/last month so money is tight.
- 9 I haven't downloaded it already/yet.
- 10 We came back from holiday this time last week/lately.