

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*.