

Fill in the gaps with a suitable verb in the present perfect or the past simple.

Dear Lewis,

I've been ..... (1) here in Spain for two weeks now and I'm having a really good time. When I ..... (2) at the airport I ..... (3) very lonely. But I ..... (already) (4) some friends and I'm staying with a really nice family. They ..... (5) me to the seaside last weekend and we ..... (6) in the sea. I really ..... (7) it. I ..... (8) some Spanish but I ..... (not) (9) to any language classes yet - they start next week. It's now midnight and I need to go to bed as I ..... (10) a very busy day. I ..... (11) shopping this morning and I ..... (12) tennis this afternoon. Write back soon.

All the best,  
Richard



Read this conversation between two people in a sports club. Underline the most suitable form of the verb which fits best.

- Anna: Excuse me. We've waited / We've been waiting (1) to play tennis since 10.30. It must be our turn now. How long have you played / have you been playing (2)?
- Tim: Since about 9.30. We've played / We've been playing (3) two matches so far this morning and we haven't finished / we haven't been finishing (4) the third yet. You'll have to wait or do something else. Have you tried / Have you been trying (5) the swimming pool?
- Anna: We don't want to swim, we want to play tennis. You've played / You've been playing (6) for more than two hours and it's our turn. We're tired of waiting and we haven't got anything to do. We've read / We've been reading (7) the magazines we brought with us.
- Tim: I said you'll have to wait. I always play on a Saturday morning. Anyway, we've already started / we've already been starting (8) the third match.
- Anna: Oh well, it looks like we've got no choice, but we've booked / we've been booking (9) the court for next Saturday so you'll be unlucky then.