**LANGUAGE SECTION**

1. **Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in parentheses.**

Dear Jane,

Finally, I have a chance to write an e-mail to you. I (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (come) to New York City four days ago, and I love it! The city is amazing. I (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in a hotel now. Tomorrow, I need (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) out to find an apartment. I don’t want a very large and expensive one because I (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) much money. I need two bedrooms because my roommate, Sally, wants (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (come) to New York next weekend. We (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) at the welcoming party of the school last month. She (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a student in my department and we take the same lessons, too. Sally also (8)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) at a restaurant on weekends for some pocket money. She was born in New York actually, but her parents (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (move) to Italy when she was four years old. Sally (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (grow) up in Italy and had a beautiful childhood there. She loves Italy and says she wants to go back after graduation. She wants to get married and have children there, not in America. She is a nice girl, I hope you like her when we all meet. It is rainy outside now, and I (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the rain to stop because I need to go out. I (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a new cell phone yesterday, and it was OK then, but it (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) today. I can’t (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (fix) it, so I am going to give it back. I want to get a new phone. Don’t forget to reply to my e-mail!

Love, Paula

1. **Read the text about Alastair Humphreys. Fill each gap in the text with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.**

Alastair Humphreys is from Great Britain. He is a writer and an adventurer. What does an adventurer do? S/He (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(go) to unusual and interesting places. From 2001 to 2005, Mr. Humphreys went on a trip around the world by bicycle. Then, in 2009, he walked across India. He walked 966 km! He (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in hotels during his trip because he wanted to sleep in unusual places. He asked people on the road for advice, and he (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) a place to sleep every night: sometimes with a family, and sometimes under the sky and the stars. He (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (eat) his meals at small cafés or markets near the road, not at restaurants, so he (5)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (try) many new foods. Mr. Humphreys (6)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(enjoy) his walk across India. He was happy because he saw many different places and (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (spend) time with a lot of different people there. Mr. Humphreys is back in the UK now. He (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (think) that people should travel like him: on foot, and without comfortable hotels and restaurants. Right now, he (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(get) ready for his next trip. Next month, he and his girlfriend planned a new adventure. They are going to travel to Chile, in South America. They want (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(walk) from the south of the country to the north, 4,270 km! They (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (always / read) a lot about a country before they travel there because they (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (want) to have any problems during their adventure.

***PART A. KEY***

***1. came 2. am staying 3. to go 4. don’t have 5. to come 6. met 7. is 8. works 9. moved 10. grew 11. am waiting 12. bought 13. isn’t working 14. fix***

***PART B. KEY***

***1. goes 2. didn’t stay 3. found 4. ate 5. tried 6. enjoyed 7. spent 8. thinks 9. is getting 10. to walk 11. always read 12. don’t want***