

Fill in the spaces with PAST or PRESENT PERFECT.

Dear Mary,

[I/be] _____ at Lacrosse College for a year and
[I/not/take] _____ any computer courses yet.
[I/take] _____ a few math courses at this college, but none
involving computers. The calculus course that [I/take] _____ last fall
[be] _____ interesting, but
[I/not/understand] _____ a lot of the material, and
[I/fail] _____ the final exam.
[I/really/try] _____ hard to do well during the first
semester, but [I/not/can/pass] _____ that class.

So far, [I/have] _____ a lot of trouble with my
classes. [I/never/enjoy] _____ math or science, as you
know, and [I/always/prefer] _____ languages, but here
they require you to take basic math and science.

In high school, [I/do] _____ well in math because
[it/be] _____ easy for me then. Now, it's more than I can
handle.

My social life at school [be] _____ fairly quiet.
[I/not/meet] _____ any interesting people yet, although
[I/go] _____ to several parties. In fact,
[I/go] _____ to one mixer last night, where
[I/meet] _____ a lot of business students.
[I/find] _____ them all to be really
boring. [They/only/talk] _____ about money.

Christmas vacation [be] _____ really boring.
[I/stay] _____ in my room most of the time, and
[I/read] _____ a lot of books and
[call] _____ a few friends on the phone, but
[I/not/have] _____ a lot of fun.

[I/never/enjoy] _____ Christmas vacations.
[I/always/be] _____ a loner, and at parties
[I/always/be] _____ a wallflower, never meeting anyone.
[I/survive] _____ 19 Christmas holidays in my life so far,
and [I/never/feel] _____ the Christmas spirit. Well, maybe
[I/enjoy] _____ Christmas somewhat when
[I/be] _____ a little kid, but I don't think that
[I/have] _____ a good time during holidays in recent
years.

I look forward to summer vacation, especially now that it's February and so cold.

[It/not/snow] _____ much so far this winter, but I think
that it will soon. This winter [be] _____ fairly warm, and
[it/not/be] _____ very good for skiing lately.
[I/try] _____ to go skiing last week, but
[there/not/be] _____ enough snow.

I guess this letter [be] _____ a little depressing so
far. I should mention that [I/go] _____ to Atlantic City last
week and [I/win] _____ some money playing roulette, so
this year [not/be] _____ totally bad. By the way,
[how/you/be] _____ lately?
[you/see] _____ any good movies lately?

[How/your sister Kate/be] _____ ?
[she/start] _____ her new job yet?
[I/just/find] _____ a part/time job, by the way.
[I/get] _____ it last week after my roommate
[tell] _____ me about it. How's school? Write me.

Love,

Dick

Name _____

Date _____

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_____ **I've been** _____ at Lacrosse College for a year and _____ **I haven't taken** _____ any computer courses yet. _____ **I've taken** _____ a few math courses at this college, but none involving computers. The calculus course that _____ **I took** _____ last fall _____ **was** _____ interesting, but _____ **I didn't understand** _____ a lot of the material, and _____ **I failed** _____ the final exam _____ **I really tried** _____ hard to do well during the first semester, but _____ **I couldn't pass** _____ that class.

So far, _____ **I've had** _____ a lot of trouble with my classes. _____ **I've never enjoyed** _____ math or science, as you know, and _____ **I've always preferred** _____ languages, but here they require you to take basic math and science.

In high school, _____ **I did** _____ well in math because _____ **it was** _____ easy for me then. Now, it's more than I can handle.

My social life at school _____ **has been** _____ fairly quiet. _____ **I haven't met** _____ any interesting people yet, although _____ **I've gone** _____ to several parties. In fact, _____ **I went** _____ to one mixer last night, where _____ **I met** _____ a lot of business students. _____ **I found** _____ them all to be really boring. _____ **They only talked** _____ about money.

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_____ **How has your sister Kate been** _____? _____ **Has she started** _____ her new job yet? _____ **I've just found** _____ a part/time job, by the way. _____ **I got** _____ it last week after my roommate _____ **told** _____ me about it. How's school? Write me.

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