

Task: Put the verbs in the text into the correct tenses:

(Pay attention to the signal words and the context.)

Julian's letter to his English pen pal John about his family and friends.

Salzburg,

January 29, 2023

Dear John,

I've got (1-have got) a new friend at school. His name is (2-be) Kevin, and he sits (2-sit) next to me in the classroom. His family moved (3-move) from Liverpool to Salzburg last July. So he has lived (4-live) here since July. It's (5-be) January now; so he has lived (6-live) here for six months. He came (7-come) to our school last September; so he has been (8-be) my classmate for five months. We started (9-start) to play table tennis together last October; so we have played (10-play) together since October, i. e. we have played (11-play) together for four months. Unfortunately, he had (12-have) an accident last week; so we haven't played (13-not play) for a week. He has been (14-be) in hospital now for a week, but he will stay (15-stay) in hospital for another week.

My father has played (16-play) table tennis since he started (17-start) high school; so he's (18-be) better than I am. But I'm (19-be) sure that I'll beat (20-beat) him if I practise (21-practise) hard. Of course, he has played (22-play) for thirty years and I have only played (23-only play) for half a year; but my reactions are (24-be) quick and I can run (25-can,run) fast. So sooner or later I'll beat (26-beat) him. My mum doesn't play (27-not play) table tennis. She has never played (28-never play) table tennis. But she has played (29-play) lawn tennis since she joined (30-join) a tennis club in 2016. So she has played (31-play) for six years. I also play (32-play) lawn tennis, but I haven't beaten (33-not beat) her yet. Just wait (34-wait) for a year, and I'll beat (35-beat) her, too.

I also **play** (36-play) football; I'm (37-be) good enough to play in the school team. I **have played** (38-play) in the school team for two years now, that means I **have played** (39-play) since 2021

In summer I **love** (40-love) swimming. I **learned** (41-learn) to swim when I **was** (42-be) five years old. So I **have been** (43-be) a swimmer since I **was** (44-be) five years old. I'm (45-be) twelve now: so I **have been** (46-be) a swimmer for seven years.

My sister **is** (47-be) a swimmer, too. She **learned** (48-learn) to swim when she **was** (49-be) four years old in 2017. So she **has been** (50-be) a swimmer since 2017; so she **has been** (51-be) a swimmer for almost six years.

She also **loves** (52-love) riding her bike. Well, she **started** (53-start) with a tricycle when she **was** (54-be) three. So she **has been** (55-be) a cyclist since 2016; so she **has been** (56-be) a cyclist for seven years.

Aren't (57-not be) we a great family with many sports activities?

I'm **looking forward** (58-look forward) to hearing from you soon.

Yours,

Julian