Mandy's holiday disaster!

My parents and I enjoy travelling and we usually go away once a year. My dad is English and my mum's from India, so when we visit her family it's a long trip! **(9)** ..... After we land in New Delhi, the capital city, we always take a taxi to the train station. From there, we travel to a town near my grandparents' village, and finally a bus. We're exhausted when we arrive, but excited to be there too.

All of our Indian holidays have been awesome, but the first one was nearly a disaster! **(10)** ..... On the last day we returned to New Delhi by bus and train. At the airport, my dad asked my mum for our passports. 'No, you've got them,' she said. He then started putting his hands in all of his pockets – jacket, shirt, jeans (front and back!). **(11)** ..... I wanted to laugh, but the situation was too serious.

Next, my parents searched through our small bags and the suitcases. **(12)** ..... Nothing was found. They looked at each other and there was panic in their eyes.

You don't need to show a ticket to fly – the information is in the airline's computer system, but passports aren't. **(13)** ..... So where were they? On the bus, the train or in the taxi? How could we check? It seemed impossible.

At that moment, Mum's phone rang and she answered it. **(14)** ..... My grandmother was calling to tell her our passports were in a plastic bag on her kitchen table! Yes, we missed our flight, but we didn't care! My uncle brought us the passports the next day and we spent more time in India!

Read the blog. Choose from the sentences (A–J) the one which fits each gap (9–14). There are four extra sentences which you do not need to use.

A Everything came out, then everything went back in.

B First you show your passport and then you get on the plane.

C The eight-and-a-half-hour flight from the UK to India is the easy part!

D The look on her face changed from worry to happiness.

E Without them, we couldn't return to the UK.

F But my mum wasn't sure where to look for them.

G We don't live far from the airport in London.

H Everything was incredible for the two weeks we were there.

I So he decided to look in the suitcases again.

J It looked like he was doing a silly dance.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 We **sat** / **were sitting** on the beach when suddenly it **started** / **was starting** to rain.
2 I **chatted** / **was chatting** to my friend while we **waited** / **were waiting** for the bus.
3 Jack **read** / **was reading** a comic when I **called** / **was calling** him at three o'clock yesterday.
4 While the boys **played** / **were playing** cricket in the garden, they **broke** / **were breaking** a window.
5 Lionel **kicked** / **was kicking** the ball hard and **scored** / **was scoring** an incredible goal.
6 Where **did Pat sit** / **was Pat sitting** while you **listened** / **were listening** to music?
7 Harry **didn't meet** / **wasn't meeting** his friends yesterday because he **studied** / **was studying** then.
8 It was a cold night. It **rained** / **was raining** and the wind **blew** / **was blowing**.

Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

9 Gill ..... (not watch) the TV show, so she changed the channel.
10 ..... (you / buy) anything while you were shopping at the market?
11 Mum was having lunch with her friends in the town while dad ..... (do) the housework.
12 I ordered a pizza and then ..... (pay) for it when it arrived.
13 ..... (she / drive) fast when the accident happened?
14 The lights ..... (go out) last night while Beth was reading an interesting story.
15 Someone knocked on the door, but when I ..... (open) it, no one was there.
16 I ..... (not go) to the shops when you saw me this morning.

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17 I didn't see ..... that I liked at the shops, so I looked online.
18 All of my friends are busy today – there's ..... to go swimming with me.
19 I did my homework quickly. I finished ..... in an hour.
20 ..... sent me a text message, but I don't know who the sender is.
21 Did you see ..... interesting on your holiday?
22 There's ..... in the box – it's empty.
23 It was quiet in the library because ..... was studying.
24 Ouch! There's ..... in my eye!
25 Do you know ..... who can speak German?

Match 26–33 with A–H to make sentences.

26 My brother broke my camera!	.....	**A** I'm exhausted.
27 I'm spending the summer in Greece.	.....	**B** I'm freezing.
28 I studied all night for my English exam.	.....	**C** It's delicious.
29 I didn't eat lunch today.	.....	**D** It's useful.
30 This old house is very cold.	.....	**E** It's terrible.
31 Can I have another piece of cake?	.....	**F** I'm furious.
32 I don't know why you like this stupid show.	.....	**G** I'm starving.
33 This website has lots of information.	.....	**H** I'm delighted.

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