

A Crazy Trip to Italy

A.  Match the words from 1-10 with their correct meaning from A-J.

Word	Meaning
1. Alps	A. shouting loudly
2. shaking	B. talking angrily
3. screaming	C. a hotel or flight reservation
4. luggage	D. bags and suitcases
5. arguing	E. a mountain range in Europe
6. booking	F. a piece of something (like pizza)
7. slice	G. moving quickly from side to side
8. holding hands	H. water coming from your skin
9. sweating	I. when a plane comes down to the ground
10. landed	J. when people touch each other's hands

B. Read and listen to the text and answer the questions

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by Leo, 14 years old

Last summer, my family and I went to Italy. We were very excited! I was dreaming about pizza and gelato. But... everything went wrong.

While we **were flying** over the Alps, the plane **was shaking**. My little sister **was screaming**, and my mom **was holding** her hand. Dad **was trying** to stay calm, but he **was sweating** a lot!

When we **landed**, we were very tired. But the problems didn't stop there. While we **were waiting** for our luggage, we realized something — our bags **were missing**! The airline **was looking** for them, but they couldn't find them.

Later, we went to the hotel. While we **were checking in**, my dad **was arguing** with the receptionist because they didn't have our booking. We had to sleep in one small room — all five of us!

The next day, things got better. The sun was shining, people were smiling, and I was finally **eating** a big slice of pizza! 🍕

C. 🧐 Comprehension Questions

1. Where did the family go?
2. What was happening to the plane over the Alps?
3. What was the little sister doing during the flight?
4. What were they doing when they realized the bags were missing?
5. Why did the dad argue with the receptionist?
6. What was the boy doing at the end of the story?

D. Grammar Focus: The Past Continuous

► What is the past continuous?

We use **past continuous** to talk about actions that were **happening at a specific time in the past**.

► How do we form it?

was/were + verb + -ing

Subject	Verb To Be	Verb + -ing
I	was	eating
He/She/It	was	flying
You/We/They	were	waiting

► Examples from the story:

- ◆ While we **were flying** over the Alps, the plane **was shaking**.
- ◆ My little sister **was screaming**, and my mom **was holding** her hand.

- ♦ The airline **was looking** for them.
- ♦ While we **were checking in** my dad **was arguing** with the receptionist.

These actions were **happening at the same time** in the past.

Let's practice

Part 1: Fill in the Gaps (Past Continuous)

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

1. The plane _____ (shake) over the mountains.
2. My sister _____ (scream) because she was scared.
3. Mom _____ (hold) her hand during the flight.
4. Dad _____ (try) to be calm but he was nervous.
5. While we _____ (wait) for our bags, we found out they were lost.
6. The airline _____ (look) for our luggage.
7. While we _____ (check in), Dad was very angry.
8. Finally, I _____ (eat) a delicious slice of pizza!

Bonus: Choose the Correct Option

Circle the correct verb.

1. While we (**were flying** / fly / flew) over the Alps, it was scary.
2. My dad (**was argue** / **was arguing** / argued) with the hotel receptionist.
3. People (**were smile** / **were smiling** / smiling) the next day.
4. I (**was eat** / **was eating** / eat) pizza and feeling happy.