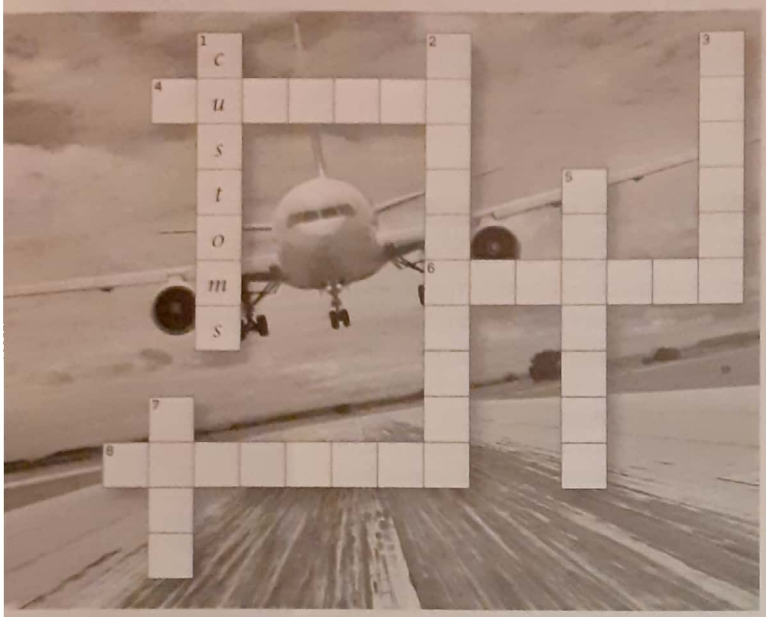
2 VOCABULARY air travel

a Complete the crossword.



1 All of the passengers on our flight were stopped at… for their bags to be checked.
2 After we'd checked in, we went through to…to find the right gate.
3 We could see our plane on the…while we were waiting to board.
4 When I went to pick up my…, I found that one bag hadn't arrived.
5 My first flight was…for two hours so I missed my connecting flight.
6 Our suitcases were really heavy, so we went to find a… to put them on.
7 The cabin…were very efficient when we had to make an emergency landing.
8 When I got to the airport, I went straight to…to see if my mother's flight had landed yet.

b Complete the text with suitable words.

The worst journey I ever had was when I flew to New York last year. I arrived at the [1]*terminal* in plenty of time, but when I got to the [2]ch_____-_____ desk, there was an enormous queue. By the time it was my turn, there were no [3]a_____ seats left, so I had to sit in the middle of a row. I showed my ID card to the man at passport control and then I went to [4]s_____ where I had my scissors confiscated. My [5]fl_____ was already boarding as soon as I arrived at the departure lounge, and I had to run to reach the gate in time. I sat next to a small child who screamed loudly when we [6]t_____ _____, and didn't stop screaming for the next two hours. The weather over the Atlantic was terrible and we experienced a lot of [7]t_____. I was so relieved when we finally landed in New York. The worst thing was that when I went to baggage reclaim to [8]p_____ _____ my luggage, I was told that my suitcase hadn't arrived. I spent my first two days in New York with no clothes!

3 MINI GRAMMAR *so / such...that*

Circle the correct answer.



1 Her suitcase was (*so*) / *such* heavy that she couldn't pick it up.



2 I've never had *such* / *such a* bumpy flight – there was a lot of turbulence.



3 This is the first time we've had *a so long* / *such a long* delay at the airport.



4 The terminal was *so* / *such* crowded that we couldn't find a trolley for our cases.



5 There was *so much* / *so many* traffic that we nearly missed our flight.



6 There were *so* / *such* a lot of people at the airport because it was the first day of the summer holidays.

4 GRAMMAR past perfect continuous, narrative tenses

a Circle the correct verb form. Tick (✓) if both are correct.

1 Tim's suitcase was really heavy because he (*had packed*) / *had been packing* all of his camera equipment.
2 Jess was fed up because she *had waited* / *had been waiting* for three hours for her flight to board.
3 I *had been sitting* / *had sat* in departures for 20 minutes when I realized my flight was already boarding.
4 After I *had picked up* / *had been picking up* my luggage, I took a taxi to my hotel.
5 The kids were bored becuase we *had stood* / *had been standing* in line at check-in for over an hour.
6 My flight arrived late because it *hadn't taken off* / *hadn't been taking off* on time.

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b Complete the text with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

My parents [1] *had never flown* (never fly) before, and so they were very nervous when we [2] _____ (arrive) at Heathrow Airport to take our flight to Rome. I [3] _____ (leave) them at the terminal building with instructions to get in the queue at the check-in desk while I [4] _____ (go) to park my car in the long-term car park. However, when I [5] _____ (get) to the check-in desk myself, they were nowhere in sight. I [6] _____ (look) for them everywhere until it suddenly occurred to me that they [7] _____ (already / check in) and they [8] _____ (wait) for me in the departure lounge. This was a real problem because I [9] _____ (give) my passport to my mother, so I couldn't check in.

I immediately [10] _____ (call) my parents on their mobile. I was right; they [11] _____ (already / go) through to the departure lounge. They [12] _____ (wait) for me for nearly half an hour at the gate. Luckily, my mum managed to find an understanding member of staff who met me at the information desk with my passport!

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