

ACTIVITY 31- I'LL JUST PLAY IT BY EAR

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Luigi went to Italy without making any plans for his trip. "I'll just play it by ear," he said. When he arrived in Italy, he couldn't find his suitcase at the airport. He spent a whole day on a wild-goose chase.

Luigi went to a department store to buy clothes. The sales clerk saved the day by finding the clothes that he needed. When Luigi was leaving the store, he took a spill and landed in a puddle of water.

Everyone laughed at Luigi. "This is no laughing matter," he shouted.



Expressions:

1. ***Play it by ear***- to see how things go before deciding what to do.
2. ***Wild-goose chase***- a search that turned out to be a waste of time.
3. ***Saved the day***- produced good results when things had not been going well.
4. ***Took a spill***- fell down.
5. ***No laughing matter***- something that people should not laugh about; a serious matter.

Explain It

Explain the meaning of the underlined expressions by rewriting each sentence.

1. Rather than making plans, Luigi decided to play it by ear.

2. Luigi's search for his suitcase turned out to be a wild-goose chase.

3. The sales clerk saved the day for Luigi.

4. Luigi took a spill when leaving the store.

5. Falling down was no laughing matter.

Pick the Expression

Choose the expression that fits best in each of the sentences below.

- play it by ear
- a wild-goose chase
- saved the day
- took a spill
- no laughing matter

1. Everything went wrong until Mario

2. When Cecilia dropped the groceries, it was

3. Searching for the missing dog turned out to be

4. Carlos had mud on his pants because he

5. They did not make a schedule because Andy wanted to
