

Nightmare journeys

We asked you to tell us about your nightmare journeys. Jutta from Germany wrote to us about hers...

A nightmare journey I remember was three years ago ¹ ____ I was going to the airport with my friend. We were going to Mallorca on holiday and we had to be at Dresden airport two hours before the flight.

We leaved home with plenty of time, ² ____ when we got to the motorway there was a huge traffic jam! The traffic wasn't moving at all. We didn't knew what to do. It was too late to go another way, ³ ____ we just sat in the car getting more and more stressed. ⁴ ____ ten minutes the traffic started moving slowly. We decided to leave the motorway and try to found another way to the airport, ⁵ ____ I wasn't sure of the way and we got completely lost. We was sure we were going to miss the flight. We finally arrived at the airport just thirty minutes before the plane was going to leave. The woman at the check-in desk said we couldn't to check in our luggage ⁶ ____ it was too late ⁷ ____ we had to run with all our cases to the departure gate.

⁸ ____ my friend felt over and hurt her leg, we managed to get to the gate in time and ⁹ ____ we caught our flight.



- Read the story once. What happened in the end? Then correct the six grammar mistakes with the verbs (wrong tense or wrong form).
- Read the story again and complete with a connecting word or phrase.
after although because but (x2) in the end so (x2) when
- Look at the list of possible travel problems in the **Useful language** box below. Mark them C if they refer to a car journey and P if they refer to a plane journey.

Useful language: travel problems

the flight was delayed	there was a traffic jam
you broke down	you got a puncture
you got lost	you forgot your passport
you missed your flight	your flight was overbooked

WRITE about a nightmare journey you've had (or invent one).

PLAN what you're going to write using the paragraph summaries below. Use the **Useful language** box and **Vocabulary Bank Transport and travel p.148** to help you.

- Paragraph 1 When was the journey?
Where were you going? Who with? Why?
- Paragraph 2 What went wrong? What happened?
- Paragraph 3 What happened in the end?

CHECK the story for mistakes (**grammar** , **punctuation** , and **spelling**).

Transport and travel

1 Plane

Match the words and pictures.

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|--------------------|---------------|
| land (vb) | take off (vb) |
| check-in desk | gate |
| luggage /'lʌɡɪdʒ/ | (suit)case |
| boarding card pass | aisle /aɪl/ |
| baggage reclaim | |



2 Train

Match the words and pictures.

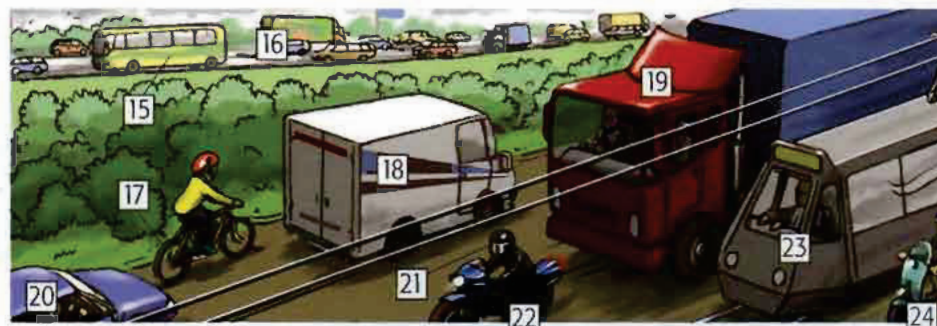
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| railway station |
| platform |
| carriage /'kærɪdʒ/ |
| ticket office |
| the underground |



3 Road

a Match the words and pictures.

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| coach | bike |
| lorry | car |
| van | scooter |
| motorbike | tram |
| helmet | motorway |



b Complete the compound nouns.

area	belt	crash	fine	hour	jam	lane	lights
limit	park	rank	station	transport	works		

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|---------------------|---|
| 1 petrol _____ | a place where you can get petrol, often with a shop or café |
| 2 traffic _____ | |
| 3 seat _____ | |
| 4 rush _____ | the time of day when there is a lot of traffic |
| 5 car _____ | when two or more cars hit each other |
| 6 parking _____ | money you have to pay for parking illegally |
| 7 traffic _____ | when there is so much traffic that cars can't move |
| 8 speed _____ | |
| 9 public _____ | buses, trams, trains, etc. |
| 10 pedestrian _____ | a place where you can't drive |
| 11 cycle _____ | a narrow part of the road for bicycles only |
| 12 road _____ | |
| 13 taxi _____ | where taxis park when they are waiting for customers |
| 14 car _____ | a place where you can leave your car |

4 Travel

flight	journey /'dʒɜːni/
trip	travel

- A _____ is when you travel from one place to another by car, train, plane, etc.
- _____ is normally used as a verb, e.g. I _____ a lot.
- A _____ is when you go somewhere by plane.
- A _____ is when you go somewhere, either for a holiday or on business, stay there, and come back again.

Can you remember the words on this page? Test yourself or a partner

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