

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.



a Read the story once. What happened in the end? Then correct the six grammar mistakes with the verbs (wrong tense or wrong form).

b Read the story again and complete with a connecting word or phrase.

after although because but (x2) in the end so (x2) when

c 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

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| 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**).

GRAMMAR

a Complete the sentences with one word.

- A Shall we watch the film?
B No. I've ¹ _____ seen it three times.
- A How ² _____ have you lived here?
B ³ _____ 2004.
- A ⁴ _____ you read this novel?
B No. Is it good?
A I haven't finished it ⁵ _____.

b Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- I started work here three years ago.
I've _____ here for three years.
- I made some coffee a moment ago.
I've _____ some coffee.
- The train is cheaper than the plane.
The plane is _____ than the train.
- Women drive more carefully than men.
Men don't drive as _____ women.
- None of the other sofas are as comfortable as this one.
This sofa is _____ comfortable one.

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VOCABULARY

a Word groups. Underline the word that is different. Say why.

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|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 coin | cheque | bank | note |
| 2 save | waste | mortgage | owe |
| 3 exhausted | terrified | hungry | angry |
| 4 delicious | wonderful | great | awful |
| 5 flight | journey | trip | travel |
| 6 coach | van | helmet | lorry |
| 7 cycle lane | railway station | speed limit | traffic jam |

b Write words for the definitions.

- It's an adjective. It means very dirty. f _____
- It's a noun. It's money that you pay to the government. t _____
- It's a noun. It's the time of day when buses and trains are full. r _____ h _____
- It's a verb. To give someone money which they must later pay back. l _____
- It's a noun. It's the place in a railway station where you get on / off a train. p _____
- It's a verb. It means to receive money from a relative after their death. i _____
- It's a noun. It's the piece of paper you need to get on a plane. b _____ p _____ / c _____
- It's an adjective. It means very small. t _____

c Complete the sentences with one word.

- What time did the plane take _____?
- She took some money _____ of the cash machine.
- Who paid _____ the meal last night?
- When can you pay me _____ the money you owe me?
- Can I pay _____ credit card?

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PRONUNCIATION

a Underline the word with a different sound.

1	afford	board	coach	enormous
2	tiny	pick up	traffic	ticket
3	crash	station	rush	charge
4	coin	cheque	cycle	carriage
5	seat	earn	speed	greedy

b Underline the stressed syllable.

- invest security luggage pedestrian terrified

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CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THIS TEXT?



Why I didn't want to be a millionaire

When Lydia Nash appeared on the TV programme *Who wants to be a millionaire?* and was fortunate enough to win £16,000, she decided to give all the money away. This wouldn't have been surprising if she had been rich or famous, but Lydia is a 19-year-old student.

Lydia gave all the money to a charity which helps orphan children in Thailand and where she had also worked as a volunteer for the previous three years. 'I first visited the orphanage when I was seventeen, and I felt very depressed by what I saw. When I got back to England I felt angry – looking around all I could see were people who were obsessed with money. That convinced me to return to Thailand the following year.'

After she won the money some of her friends at university thought that maybe she had made the wrong decision. 'Some people said I should have saved it for a deposit to buy a house or to pay back my student loan,' Lydia said. 'That really annoyed me. Students seem to live in an unreal world, where they constantly complain about being poor. But there's an enormous difference between our situation and people who have absolutely no money.'

With the help of the money Lydia gave them, the charity has just finished building 'Rainbow House', a new facility that will house 50 young children, where they will live until they are adopted.

If Lydia had won a million pounds and not only £16,000, would she still have given away all the money? She said, 'Before going on the show I thought a lot about what it would be like to have a lot of money and I realized that I wouldn't like it at all. And then, of course, as I had been to the orphanage and had seen all the work that needed to be done, I knew how useful that money could be. It was far more important for the charity than it could ever be for me. I definitely think I got more enjoyment out of giving the money away than if I had kept it for myself.'

a Read the text once. Then read it again and choose a, b, or c.

- 1 People were surprised that Lydia gave away the money she won because _____.
 - a she is young and not very wealthy
 - b she already had a lot of money of her own
 - c she had won a lot of money
- 2 Before winning the money, Lydia had been to the orphanage in Thailand _____.
 - a once
 - b twice
 - c several times

- 3 Lydia thinks that students today _____.
 - a are broke all the time
 - b have a lot of money
 - c are not as poor as they think
- 4 The charity has used the money to _____.
 - a build a new house
 - b adopt more children
 - c build a school
- 5 Lydia _____.
 - a wouldn't mind being rich
 - b wouldn't like to be rich
 - c would like to be a bit richer

b Look at the highlighted words and phrases. Can you guess what they mean?

CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THESE PEOPLE?

- a **2.20** Listen and circle the correct answer, a, b, or c.
- 1 Where did the woman probably lose her credit card?
 - a In the petrol station.
 - b In the flower shop.
 - c In the restaurant.
 - 2 How long has he been working as a teacher?
 - a 1½ years
 - b 2½ years
 - c 3½ years
 - 3 How can people travel today?
 - a By road.
 - b By rail.
 - c By air.
 - 4 Which airline are they going to fly with?
 - a British Airways
 - b Anglo Air
 - c Euroflight
 - 5 Who is working at the moment?
 - a Her brother.
 - b Her brother's wife.
 - c Her brother and his wife.

b **2.21** Listen to a conversation between a bank manager and a client. Complete the sentences with a number.

- 1 Ms Stephens wants to borrow £ _____.
- 2 The period of loan will be _____ years.
- 3 The monthly repayments will be £ _____.
- 4 The interest rate is _____ %.
- 5 The first repayment will be on _____.

CAN YOU SAY THIS IN ENGLISH?

Can you...? Yes (✓)

- talk about different things you can do with money
- say how long you've been living in this town and learning English
- compare travelling by car, train, and plane in your country