

Writing

A description of a journey

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Read the Model Text and listen. Order the events in your notebook.

- a) flew to Washington DC
- b) arrived at the hotel
- c) waited to get off the plane
- d) the plane left London
- e) waited for a bus
- f) queued at the immigration desk

Model Text

Hi Nick,
Well, we've arrived in the USA, but it was an awful journey!
We set off from London on time, but we couldn't land in New York because of bad weather. **First**, we flew to Washington DC. **Then**, we waited for three hours to get off the plane. **Next**, we queued for two hours at the immigration desk. **After that**, we waited 45 minutes for the bus. **Finally**, we arrived at the hotel at midnight – we were exhausted! Look at the picture of my little sister! We've booked another flight to New York for tomorrow. I'll send an email when we get there.

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Look at the All Clear Tips and complete the rules below with the words in bold.



All Clear Tips

Linkers

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Then, we waited for three hours.
Next, we queued for two hours at the immigration desk.
After that, we waited 45 minutes for the bus.
Finally, we arrived at the hotel at midnight.

- a) We use ... to show the beginning of an event.
- b) We use ..., ..., and ... to show the order of events.
- c) We use ... to show the end of an event.

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Write the correct words in your notebook.

We went on a bus tour in New York last year.
⁽¹⁾**Next / First**, we went to Times Square in the centre of Manhattan. ⁽²⁾**Then / Finally**, we drove up one side of Central Park and saw the Museum of Natural History. ⁽³⁾**First / Next**, we went to Harlem and saw the Apollo Theatre. ⁽⁴⁾**After that / Finally**, we drove down Park Avenue. ⁽⁵⁾**Then / Finally**, we got off the bus by the Guggenheim Museum. It was brilliant!

Text type: A description of a journey

TASK Write a description of a journey. Follow the steps below.

1 READ THE MODEL TEXT

1 Read the Model Text. How is Amy feeling now?

To: Chris

From: Amy

Hi Chris!

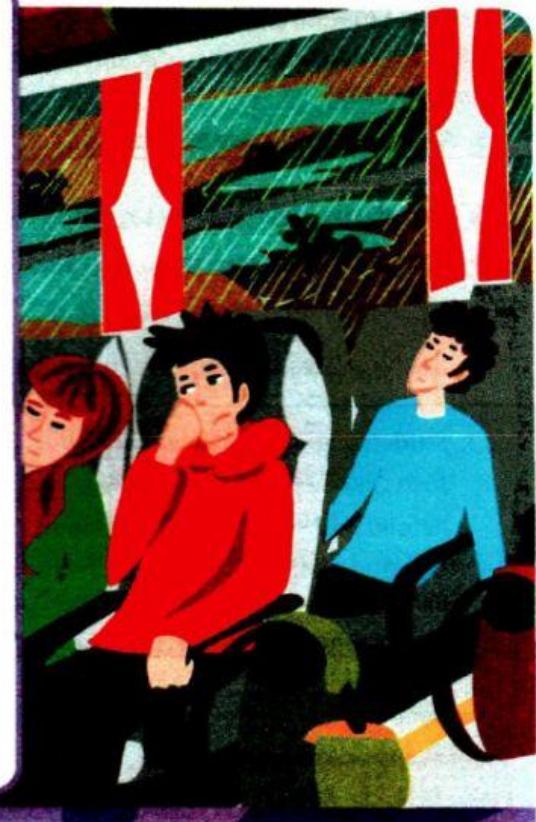
We've arrived here at our campsite, but it was a terrible journey.

We left home at eight o'clock yesterday morning. First, we got a train to Penzance, but there were floods and it took four hours. Then we got a bus to Land's End airport. But the weather was bad and we waited two hours to get on the plane. Next, we arrived at St Mary's airport. We got a bus to the port and after that we took a boat to St Martin's. It took 20 minutes, but the sea was rough and I felt sick. We were all exhausted when we finally got to the campsite in the dark.

This morning, the sun is shining and I feel happy.

This afternoon, we've booked a fishing trip. I'll try to catch some fish for our dinner.

Amy



2 Read the Model Text again. Circle T (true) or F (false).

Amy is staying on a campsite.

T / F

1 They travelled by train, plane and boat.

T / F

2 The train was late because there was a storm.

T / F

3 They couldn't get on the plane for four hours.

T / F

4 The sea was calm.

T / F

5 They are going fishing this afternoon.

T / F

3 Number the events 1–5 in the order that they happened.

a) They got a boat to St Martin's.

b) They got a bus to Land's End.

c) They got a train to Penzance.

d) They arrived at the campsite.

e) They flew to St Mary's.

2 PLAN YOUR TEXT

Read the notes about a journey.

- 1 Where are you?
Chinchón
- 2 How did you travel on the first part of the journey?
bus to Heathrow airport
- 3 What happened? How long was it?
an accident on the road, bus late
two hours
- 4 How did you travel on the next part of the journey?
plane to Madrid
- 5 What happened? How long was it?
plane delayed - bad weather, three hours to get on the plane
- 6 How did you travel on the final part of the journey?
car to Chinchón
- 7 What happened? How long was it?
a lot of traffic
two hours
- 8 What have you planned for today?
aunt and uncle - big family dinner with all my cousins

Now use the notes to complete a description of the journey. Circle the correct time linkers.

Hi Amy!

- 1 We've arrived here in ⁽¹⁾ Chinchón, but it was a terrible journey.
- 2 We left home at five yesterday morning. ^(2a) Finally / First, we ^(2b) _____.
But there was ^(3a) _____. It took ^(3b) _____ to get there. When we arrived, the ⁽⁴⁾ _____ had been delayed. We waited ^(5a) _____. ^(5b) Then / First, we arrived in Madrid. My aunt and uncle were waiting to meet us. ^(6a) First / Next, we travelled to ^(6b) _____, but ^(7a) _____. It took ^(7b) _____ to get there. We ^(7c) finally / after that arrived at my aunt and uncle's house at ten o'clock. We were all exhausted.
- 3 This morning, the weather is beautiful and I'm sitting in the garden. This evening, ⁽⁸⁾ _____. I'll take some photos for you.

Chris

3 WRITE YOUR TEXT

Write your description of a journey.
