

VOCABULARY

WORD FORMATION

Read the story carefully. Use the words in bold at the end of some lines to form words that fit in the blanks on the same lines.

Never AGAIN!



willing

resist
relent

obedient
devil
divide
stress

response

care **hell**

tear

help

I hate traveling. It's not that I'm (1) _____. It's just that I have a problem.

Four problems actually, and they're named Max, Charlie, Ella, and Jack.

Ranging in age from five down to six months, they're (2) _____ when they're asleep. But when they're awake, they're (3) _____ . Individually they're hard

5 work; in twos they're a handful; all together, they're a nightmare. More often than not, they're (4) _____ and seem to have endless competitions to see who can behave in the most (5) _____ way. On top of that, they all want my (6) _____ attention at the same time.

Under these (7) _____ circumstances, you may think that it would be 10 foolish of me to even consider traveling alone with my children. Well, I know now that it wasn't just foolish, but downright (8) _____ .

I wanted to visit my parents. My husband couldn't come, so I set off on the five-hour train journey with a bagful of toys, a pocketful of candy, and a headful of songs, stories, and games.

15 But regardless of my (9) _____ preparations, it was a (10) _____ trip. In fact, it was one of the worst experiences of my life. The final straw was when I arrived, exhausted and (11) _____ , at my parents' house. Instead of being sympathetic, they took great delight in telling me how awful I had been as a child. Thanks, Mom and Dad, that was really (12) _____ !