

LESSONS 3 and 4

12 Complete the conversation. Use words from the box.

gate	make	check	land	delayed	depart
go through security	departure lounge		boarding passes		

1. Passenger A: Do we need to check in?

Passenger B: No, we don't. I printed our _____ 1. online, and we're not checking any luggage.

Passenger A: OK. Let's check a monitor for our _____ 2. number, and then we should _____ 3.

2. Passenger: Excuse me. Is Flight 68 going to _____ on time?
 Agent: No, I'm sorry. The flight is _____. Have a seat in the _____.
 We'll make an announcement when we're ready for boarding.
3. Passenger: Excuse me. What time are we going to _____?
 Flight Attendant: Let me _____. Our new arrival time is 8:23.
 Passenger: 8:23? My connecting flight is at 8:40. Can I still _____ it?

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Bettine's Blog

Transportation Troubles

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Hi, everybody! Well, I'm back from my trip. Last week my husband and I flew to Boston, took a cruise ship to Quebec, took a bus to Montreal, and then flew home. Sounds like a dream vacation, right? Unfortunately my dream turned into a nightmare!

You won't believe what happened. First, our flight was delayed. The airplane had mechanical problems. We waited at the gate for two hours. After we finally took off, I closed my eyes for a nap, but sleeping was impossible. There was a terrible storm, and the flight was bumpy. It was pretty scary! I tried to watch a movie to stay calm, but the entertainment system wasn't working. The movie didn't have any sound.

The plane landed in Boston at 4:00 P.M.—three hours late. Our cruise ship was supposed to depart at 4:30! I ran to a taxi. My face was bright red from running as I gave the directions to the driver. "Please hurry," I added. Luckily, we arrived just in time. We didn't miss the ship!

I stood on the ship's deck and enjoyed the scenic views. However, the awful weather continued. I got seasick. Earlier, my face turned red from running.



On the deck, I turned green from the ship's motion. I was seasick the whole cruise!

What else could go wrong? A lot! Our bus to Montreal had an accident. No one was hurt, but we were delayed for an hour. Two days later, our flight home was overbooked. We got bumped from the plane and had to wait for the next flight.

As you can guess, I'm very happy to be home. However, I still have one big problem. The airline lost my luggage! Most of my clothing was in my bags, so now I have nothing to wear.

Are you looking for a relaxing vacation? Then I, Bettine, have some advice for you—you should stay home!

Now read the sentences. Check true or false.

	true	false
1. Bettine's flight to Boston was delayed because of mechanical problems.	☐	☐
2. Bettine was late, and she missed her cruise ship.	☐	☐
3. The weather on Bettine's cruise was terrific.	☐	☐
4. Bettine's bus to Montreal had an accident.	☐	☐
5. Bettine got airsick on her flight home.	☐	☐
6. Bettine thinks that traveling is relaxing.	☐	☐