

A

Here is some basic vocabulary for different kinds of travel

transport	kinds of vehicle	parts of vehicle	people working with it	associated words
road	car, bus, coach, tram, van, lorry	boot, steering wheel	driver, motorist, mechanic, chauffeur	petrol station, break down, breakdown service
rail	high-speed train, express	sleeping car, buffet, coach	ticket collector, conductor	platform, seat reservation
sea	liner, ferry, yacht	deck, bridge, gangway	captain, steward(ess)	port, cabin, cruise
air	aircraft, jumbo jet, helicopter	cockpit, wings, aisle /aɪˈjəʊl/	ground staff, cabin crew, air traffic controller	duty-free shop, terminal, runway, security

B

Journey, trip, travel, voyage

A **trip** is usually shorter than a **journey**. We **had a long journey** by coach from the north to the south of the country. We usually say **business trip** (NOT *business journey*). We **took a trip** / **went on a trip** to the beach last weekend. (**Go on a trip** suggests an organised short excursion, whereas **take a trip** or **have a trip** could be something you do yourselves in your own car.)

Travel is a general word. It is an uncountable noun and a verb. **Travel** broadens the mind. How did you **travel** round Australia? We hitch-hiked.

Voyage means a long journey usually by sea, though this use is quite formal. It is often used in other contexts with 'discovery'. Learning English is a voyage of discovery!

C

Collocations and expressions connected with travel

ELENA: 'My flight from New York to Tokyo was **severely delayed**¹ because of bad weather, then later it was cancelled and I was **stuck at**² the airport. The airline **put me up**³ in a hotel overnight, and they **put me on standby**⁴ for the **early morning** flight the next day. Luckily, I managed **to get a seat** and the flight left **on time**⁵ at 7.00 am. There was quite a lot of **turbulence**⁶ during the flight, which was scary at times. When we finally got to Tokyo, the weather was bad and we had **a bumpy landing**⁷. Luckily, I don't **get airsick**⁸ but I **had** terrible **jetlag**⁹ for days afterwards.'

¹ delayed for a very long time ² unable to move from ³ paid for me to stay ⁴ promised me a seat if one became available ⁵ punctually ⁶ strong, sudden movements while the plane was in the air ⁷ we landed in a way that was not smooth ⁸ feel sick because of the movement of the plane; more formal = **suffer from airsickness** ⁹ had a feeling of tiredness caused by moving quickly from one time zone to another

Pieter: 'I'd always wanted to **sail** across the Mediterranean, though I was worried I might **get seasick**. Anyway, I volunteered to work as a **crew member on board** a yacht and it was an amazing experience. Everything **ran** very **smoothly**, even when the sea was **rough**¹, and I never **suffered from seasickness**².'

¹ *opp* = a calm sea ² less formal = I never **got seasick**

Common mistakes

We don't say 'a travel'. *Travel* is an uncountable noun.

After we left the airport, we had a long **journey** by car. (NOT we had a long ~~travel~~)

Remember, we say **on time**, not *in time* when we mean 'punctually'.

The train arrived **on time** and I picked her up at the station. (NOT The train arrived ~~in time~~)

Exercises

31.1 Match the sentence beginnings on the left with the endings on the right.

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| 1 The customs officer stopped the car | ☒ | a and they couldn't get a cabin. |
| 2 The car broke down | ☐ | b and they had nothing to eat. |
| 3 The air traffic controllers went on strike | ☐ | c and they had a wonderful cruise. |
| 4 The buffet was closed | ☐ | d and the driver had to open the boot. |
| 5 The ferry was full | ☐ | e and a mechanic came to help them. |
| 6 The liner was very modern | ☐ | f and their flight was cancelled. |

31.2 Sort the words according to the type of transport. One of the words fits in two places. Which is it?

jumbojet port express steering wheel coach helicopter gangway runway
tram wing chauffeur platform groundstaff van cockpit lorry liner deck

road	rail	air	sea
steering wheel			

31.3 Choose the best word *flight, journey, trip, travel* or *voyage* to fit these gaps.

- I would love to travel round the world in a balloon.
- The liner *Titanic* sank on its very first
- How long does the from New York to Rio take?
- She says her hobbies are reading, golf and
- When they were in Cairo they took a to see the Pyramids.
- Getting from London to the north of Scotland involves a long overnight train

31.4 Read these travel blogs and fill the gaps with words from the opposite page.

Erik's Blog (24 June)

The flight from Huascal to Puerto Amlugo was s_____ delayed (six hours!). I was worried I'd get s_____ at the airport (and hoped that the airline would p_____ me u_____ in a nice hotel ☹) but anyway the flight wasn't c_____ and we finally took off. The weather was awful, and we experienced a lot of t_____. In fact, the flight was so b_____ that I got a_____ (very unpleasant!). But the c_____ c_____ were very friendly and helpful, which made me feel better. The l_____ was not so bad and soon we were at the t_____ collecting our baggage. I slept well last night - I think I've got over the j_____ I had after my 12-hour flight from Europe.

Mona's Blog (5 July)

I didn't have a reservation for the Eurostar train from Paris to London, but they put me on s_____ and I got a s_____ on a later train. It was a good journey, everything ran s_____ and it arrived _____ time. In London, I enquired if there was a s_____ c_____ on the train to Scotland so I could travel overnight. The alternative was a hotel and the e_____ m_____ train at 6.30 am (too early for me!). When I get to Scotland I want to go to some of the islands. I hope the sea is c_____. I hate r_____ seas - I always get s_____!