

Empower B1 U2A

Past continuous – travel collocations

a Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in the box.

miss take off get to change give land
set off board hitchhike travel around

When I was a student, my best friend and I ¹travelled around Europe for a month. We didn't want to travel by train, so we ²_____ Once, a lorry driver ³_____ us a lift from Paris to Cannes – over 900 kilometres!

She ⁴_____ from her house at six o'clock in the morning. However, she ⁵_____ the 06:30 train because there was a traffic jam in the town centre.

Our plane ⁶_____ from Beijing 45 minutes late, but we ⁷_____ in Sydney ten minutes early!

Our journey from London to Glasgow was terrible! We ⁸_____ our train in London at two o'clock, but then we ⁹_____ trains in Birmingham and also in Manchester. In the end, we ¹⁰_____ Glasgow just after midnight!

b Complete the text with the past simple or past continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

My mother and I ¹had (have) a terrible journey from London to Edinburgh last weekend. First, when my brother ²_____ (drive) us to the airport on Saturday evening, his car ³_____ (break down) on the motorway. In the end, we ⁴_____ (miss) our plane and ⁵_____ (buy) some new tickets for the flight on Sunday morning instead. However, on Sunday morning we ⁶_____ (wait) for our flight when it ⁷_____ (start) snowing heavily, and they ⁸_____ (decide) to close the airport. So we ⁹_____ (take) a taxi to Euston Station and ¹⁰_____ (buy) tickets for the 2 pm train to Edinburgh.