

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 ¹ travelled 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 ¹ had (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.