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.

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