

## VOCABULARY

### WORD FORMATION

Read the story carefully. Use the words in bold at the end of some lines to form words that fit in the blanks on the same lines.

# Never **AGAIN!**



**willing**

**resist**  
**relent**

**obedient**  
**devil**  
**divide**  
**stress**

**response**

**care** **hell**

**tear**

**help**

I hate traveling. It's not that I'm (1) \_\_\_\_\_. It's just that I have a problem. Four problems actually, and they're named Max, Charlie, Ella, and Jack. Ranging in age from five down to six months, they're (2) \_\_\_\_\_ when they're asleep. But when they're awake, they're (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Individually they're hard  
5 work; in twos they're a handful; all together, they're a nightmare. More often than not, they're (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and seem to have endless competitions to see who can behave in the most (5) \_\_\_\_\_ way. On top of that, they all want my (6) \_\_\_\_\_ attention at the same time.

Under these (7) \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances, you may think that it would be  
10 foolish of me to even consider traveling alone with my children. Well, I know now that it wasn't just foolish, but downright (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

I wanted to visit my parents. My husband couldn't come, so I set off on the five-hour train journey with a bagful of toys, a pocketful of candy, and a headful of songs, stories, and games.

15 But regardless of my (9) \_\_\_\_\_ preparations, it was a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ trip. In fact, it was one of the worst experiences of my life. The final straw was when I arrived, exhausted and (11) \_\_\_\_\_, at my parents' house. Instead of being sympathetic, they took great delight in telling me how awful I had been as a child. Thanks, Mom and Dad, that was really (12) \_\_\_\_\_!