

Word Building Activity

Use the stem word in brackets to form a word that fits the blanks in the text.

Is a Good Holiday What I Need?

It is two hours before 1. (depart) time, and I still haven't set off for the airport, although the ticket 2. (inform) says I'm supposed to be there one and a half hours before the 3. (fly) is due to take off. I have always considered this policy totally 4. (necessary) and so tend to arrive at the airport as late as I can.

This habit of mine was almost 5. (disaster) the last time I set off for the airport by train. Everything was going 6. (smooth) and I was feeling quite relaxed, when suddenly the train stopped and an 7. (announce) was made that we had to change trains for what they referred to as 8. ("technique") reasons. Of course, this meant a delay of about twenty minutes.

As if this wasn't enough, on 9. (arrive) at the airport, there was a huge queue at the check-in counter. There had been a 10. (terror) bomb threat and everyone had to go through a security check before finally boarding the plane.