Exercises

31.1 **Match the sentence beginnings on the left with the endings on the right.**

1 The customs officer stopped the car	☑	a and they couldn't get a cabin.
2 The car broke down	☐	b and they had nothing to eat.
3 The air traffic controllers went on strike	☐	c and they had a wonderful cruise.
4 The buffet was closed	☐	d and the driver had to open the boot.
5 The ferry was full	☐	e and a mechanic came to help them.
6 The liner was very modern	☐	f and their flight was cancelled.

31.2 **Sort the words according to the type of transport. One of the words fits in two places. Which is it?**

jumbo jet port express ~~steering wheel~~ coach helicopter gangway runway tram wing chauffeur platform ground staff van cockpit lorry liner deck

road	rail	air	sea
steering wheel			

31.3 **Choose the best word *flight*, *journey*, *trip*, *travel* or *voyage* to fit these gaps.**

1 I would love to *travel* round the world in a balloon.
2 The liner *Titanic* sank on its very first ..... .
3 How long does the ..... from New York to Rio take?
4 She says her hobbies are reading, golf and ..... .
5 When they were in Cairo they took a ..... to see the Pyramids.
6 Getting from London to the north of Scotland involves a long overnight train ..... .

31.4 **Read these travel blogs and fill the gaps with words from the opposite page.**

Erik's Blog (24 June)

The flight from Huascal to Puerto Amlugo was s_____ delayed (six hours!). I was worried I'd get s_____ at the airport (and hoped that the airline would p_____ me u_____ in a nice hotel ☺) but anyway the flight wasn't c_____ and we finally took off. The weather was awful, and we experienced a lot of t_____ . In fact, the flight was so b_____ that I got q_____ (very unpleasant!). But the c_____ c_____ were very friendly and helpful, which made me feel better. The l_____ was not so bad and soon we were at the t_____ collecting our baggage. I slept well last night - I think I've got over the j_____ I had after my 12-hour flight from Europe.

Mona's Blog (5 July)

I didn't have a reservation for the Eurostar train from Paris to London, but they put me on s_____ and I got a s_____ on a later train. It was a good journey, everything ran s_____ and it arrived _____ time. In London, I enquired if there was a s_____ c_____ on the train to Scotland so I could travel overnight. The alternative was a hotel and the e_____ m_____ train at 6.30 am (too early for me!). When I get to Scotland I want to go to some of the islands. I hope the sea is c_____. I hate r_____ seas - I always get s_____!

31.5 **Over to you**

Give answers that are true for you, and reasons.

1 How often do you travel by train? Have you ever been on a high-speed train?
2 Which do you prefer on a plane, a window or an aisle seat? Why? Do you usually visit the duty-free shop? What do you look for? What do you do before going through security?