Travel problems

A. VOCABULARY: travel problems

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. **A** Why was there a big **strike / traffic jam / ride** on the motorway this morning?
   B Because there was **an accident / a strike / a line** between two cars at 7:30.

2. **A** Why did you **lose / miss / delay** your train?
   B Well, my friend was driving us to the station, but her GPS wasn't working, so we set off / broke down / got lost. In the end, we bought a map!

3. **A** Why were there **traffic jams / long delays / long lines** to all the flights from Heathrow Airport today?
   B Because there was a pilots' **strike / turbulence / delay** yesterday, so lots of planes are at the wrong airport today.

4. There was **a turbulence / something wrong / a strike** with our bus, so we waited for two hours at the service station.

5. It took me over an hour to get my ticket because there was a **long delay / line / accident** at the ticket office. Then the train **got lost / took off / broke down** just outside Paris, so that's why I'm so late.

6. **A** It sounds like you had a bad flight between Washington and London.
   B Yes, there was a lot of **turbulence / lines / strikes** over the Atlantic because of the bad weather.

B. GRAMMAR: past continuous

Complete the sentences with the past continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

1. When we arrived at the station, my uncle _____ (wait) for us in the car park.
2. It _____ (snow) hard when we got to our hotel.
3. _____ (you, fly) over the Alps when the turbulence started?
4. How fast _____ (you, drive) when the accident happened?
5. Where _____ (you, stand) when the thief stole your handbag?
6. Did you get lost because your GPS _____ (not work)?

Complete the text with the <u>past simple</u> or <u>past continuous</u> forms of the verbs in brackets.

My mother and I _____ (have) a terrible journey from London to Edinburgh last weekend. First, when my brother _____ (drive) us to the airport on Saturday evening, his car _____ (break down) on the motorway. In the end, we _____ (miss) our plane and _____ (buy) some new tickets for the flight on Sunday morning instead. However, on Sunday morning we _____ (wait) for our flight when it _____ (start) snowing heavily, and they _____ (decide) to close the airport. So we _____ (take) a taxi to Euston Station and _____ (buy) tickets for the 2 pm train to Edinburgh.

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