1. You are going to read about a bad day. Then, do the activities.



A series of Misfortunes

It was my first flight when the plane left Bahrain International Airport at **midday** on a very sunny day. I **was over the moon** then…but one hour before we reached our destination, a voice came over the intercom of the Gulf Air Boeing 707. It said, "Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. This is captain Nawwaf speaking. We…er…we have a small problem…all four engines have stopped.

Everybody **was scared to death.** The oxygen masks dropped down and the emergency exit lit up. It was not until the plane had dropped 25,000 feet that the captain was able to restart first one, then two and finally all four engines. My heart went on beating like a drum until we **landed** safely at Heathrow Airport.

It took my friend and me three hours to arrive in London because our train had been held up by very bad weather. Outside Victoria Station, it was snowing hard, and there was a long queue of people waiting for taxis. As we were about to join it, a young man pulled up his car and asked us where we wanted to go. Although it was not an official taxi, the car was new and shiny, and the young man looked clean and respectful, so we decided to accept his offer. When we told him that we did not have a hotel, he said he could take us to one, which was clean and cheap.



He put our luggage in the boot and we drove off to the hotel. On the way, we chatted and he pointed out interesting sights. We could hardly believe our luck and thought of all the people we had left queuing in the freezing cold. When we got to the hotel, he told us that he would wait while we checked in. After we had found that the hotel was full, we went down the steps only to find out that our driver and our luggage had disappeared. We never saw him again.

1.b Match these words to their meaning.

Midday:	be very afraid
Be over the moon:	noon
Be scared to death:	come down through the air on the ground
Land:	extremely happy

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1.c Answer the following questions.

a- What was wrong with the plane?

b- When was the captain able to restart all four engines?

c- What was the weather like in London?

d- What made both friends accept the driver's offer?

e- Was the driver honest? Why/ Why not?

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