

**Choose the correct time expressions to complete the story.**

I woke up early last Saturday morning. I was really excited because I was going to Florida to visit my uncle. I didn't want to forget anything! **(1)** *Then / First*, I packed my bags and checked the weight – no problem! **(2)** *Then / After* I made sure I had my tickets and passport. **(3)** *Before / Next*, I called a taxi to take me to the airport, and **(4)** *later five minutes / five minutes later*, it arrived. Everything was going



perfectly, but then we **(5)** *suddenly / sudden* hit a traffic jam on the road to the airport! **(6)** *In time / By the time* we got to the airport, I was really anxious. I hadn't flown on my own **(7)** *before / first*, and now I was really late. **(8)** *After / Later* I'd gone through the security checks, I only had ten minutes to get to the gate. **(9)** *Earlier / Finally*, I got onto the plane just in time, and was able to sit back and relax, and begin to enjoy my holiday!

**Read the stories of unlucky travellers. Complete the phrasal verbs with the correct form of the words in the box. You can use the verbs more than once.**

check	get	hold	put	set	take
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- When I arrived at the hotel, I got my passport out ready to **(1)** ..... in at Reception, but I found that it didn't exist – they were still building the hotel!
- Last month, I **(2)** ..... off booking my holiday for a few weeks because I was unsure of my plans. When I finally booked, they had **(3)** ..... all the prices up!
- I was travelling to Edinburgh by train last year. The train arrived at the platform and I **(4)** ..... on. Unfortunately, I fell asleep, and when I finally **(5)** ..... off, nine hours later, I was in Aberdeen – 200 km further north!
- I was staying in a hotel last month. On the day I was leaving, I forgot to set my alarm and I **(6)** ..... out 15 minutes after the normal departure time. They charged me for an extra day!
- I was flying to New York last summer. The weather had been really nice for weeks, but on the day of my flight there was suddenly a big storm. My flight finally **(7)** ..... off 16 hours late!
- A few weeks ago, I was driving to Manchester to meet some old friends for lunch. I **(8)** ..... off early, but I was **(9)** ..... up in traffic for five hours, so I missed the lunch! Luckily, I still saw my friends!