

Travel Traumas!

- a. Railroad officials at a station outside Boston in the U.S. were surprised when a note landed on the platform from a passing train. The note said: "Mr. Grant, of 48 First St, Boston, left a pot on the stove. Please call the police." Before telling the police, the station manager called the fire department, who went immediately to the house. Mr. Grant left the pot on the stove, but luckily, he hadn't turned on the gas.



- b. The pilot of a four-seater plane had to leave his cockpit in mid-flight to free a parachutist who had accidentally gotten caught in the wheels of the plane. The pilot was flying at 3,280 feet when he suddenly saw a man waving at him from the back of his plane. After putting the plane on automatic pilot, he got out of his seat, crawled to the back of the plane, and cut the lines of the parachute. The man landed safely, using his emergency parachute.

- c. A cruise ship was sailing back to New York after a cruise around the Caribbean islands. The ship's officers were alarmed when a woman told them that she couldn't find her husband. After searching the ship, they decided that he had fallen overboard. They turned the ship around and started to look for him. To everyone's amazement, they found the man alive, swimming in the ocean, 18 hours after he had fallen off the ship.



Match the stories (A–C) to the sentences (1–6).

- 1 Someone did something brave. B
- 2 There was a risk of fire _____
- 3 People were traveling by sea _____
- 4 A man saved another person's life _____
- 5 Someone got wet _____
- 6 Someone called the fire department _____