

**A** Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

## AIRPORT DELAYS

Although the plane is the fastest means of transport, the idea of travelling by plane does not (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone because of the frequent delays. It is extremely frustrating when you (2) \_\_\_\_\_ yourself plenty of time to get to the airport and - once there - it is brought to your (3) \_\_\_\_\_ that there is a problem with your flight. The staff at the check-in are trying to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ you that it won't be long before the problem is solved. Yet, hours later you feel let (5) \_\_\_\_\_, as you (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to wait patiently for your boarding call. Of course, you won't (7) \_\_\_\_\_ anything by complaining.



By this stage, you realise you are going to miss your connecting flight and now you must change your bookings. You feel (8) \_\_\_\_\_ you're never going to get to your destination. However, there is the slight chance that you could be one of the lucky ones spending the night at a top class hotel at the expense of the airline that caused your problem in the first place. Admittedly, you would rather (9) \_\_\_\_\_ heading for your original destination. Regular (10) \_\_\_\_\_ advise us just to accept the fact that no matter how frustrating this situation might be, it's unavoidable and shouldn't (11) \_\_\_\_\_ us that much. Nevertheless, it will always be a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ sight to see people eagerly waiting, in the hope of hearing their flight announced.

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|----|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| 1  | A attract  | B appeal    | C impress  | D affect      |
| 2  | A let      | B keep      | C allow    | D make        |
| 3  | A care     | B warning   | C interest | D attention   |
| 4  | A insist   | B attract   | C urge     | D convince    |
| 5  | A off      | B down      | C away     | D out         |
| 6  | A continue | B persist   | C insist   | D remain      |
| 7  | A win      | B result    | C earn     | D gain        |
| 8  | A if only  | B though    | C as if    | D if          |
| 9  | A be       | B to be     | C had been | D to had been |
| 10 | A guests   | B customers | C clients  | D visitors    |
| 11 | A effect   | B influence | C appeal   | D affect      |
| 12 | A common   | B general   | C wide     | D strong      |

# A Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. A BIG DECISION



When Lucy (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that she was going to move abroad because she was bored (2) \_\_\_\_\_ her life, we weren't surprised. After all, she had been talking about moving to a warmer country for ages, one which would (3) \_\_\_\_\_ sun, sea and opportunities for outdoor activities. A country like Spain or Portugal would (4) \_\_\_\_\_ her just fine.

We took her even more seriously when she called (5) \_\_\_\_\_ an interview for a job she was sure of getting.

Of course, her parents were annoyed with her decision, but I had to admit that I sympathised with her. I had done something (6) \_\_\_\_\_ when I was her age, so I supported her all the way. I even helped her decide on a suitable destination.

It was near an ancient site which, given Lucy's academic background in archaeology, was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for her. I (8) \_\_\_\_\_ her that in the beginning she would feel (9) \_\_\_\_\_ an (10) \_\_\_\_\_, but people from small towns are friendly and she wouldn't feel lonely for too long.

The time came for Lucy to depart. She wasn't sad, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ her parents who were crying and couldn't bear to see their daughter leaving. Seeing her

parents cry made me feel responsible for what had happened. In the end, I (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for having encouraged Lucy to leave. To tell the truth, however, I'm glad to have influenced her decision to move abroad.

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|----|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1  | A announced | B told      | C agreed     | D claimed |
| 2  | A with      | B for       | C about      | D at      |
| 3  | A supply    | B offer     | C reveal     | D cater   |
| 4  | A fit       | B suit      | C combine    | D match   |
| 5  | A out       | B up        | C for        | D off     |
| 6  | A similar   | B common    | C same       | D likely  |
| 7  | A ideal     | B special   | C particular | D fine    |
| 8  | A insisted  | B explained | C said       | D warned  |
| 9  | A as        | B alike     | C like       | D unlike  |
| 10 | A outdoor   | B outsider  | C outcome    | D outfit  |
| 11 | A not alike | B unlikely  | C not as     | D unlike  |
| 12 | A admitted  | B denied    | C apologised | D accused |