Exercises

31.1 Match the sentence beginnings on the left with the endings on the right.

1 The customs officer stopped the car ☑ a and they couldn't get a cabin.
2 The car broke down ☐ b and they had nothing to eat.
3 The air traffic controllers went on strike ☐ c and they had a wonderful cruise.
4 The buffet was closed ☐ d and the driver had to open the boot.
5 The ferry was full ☐ e and a mechanic came to help them.
6 The liner was very modern ☐ f and their flight was cancelled.

31.2 Sort the words according to the type of transport. One of the words fits in two places. Which is it?

jumbo jet port express ~~steering wheel~~ coach helicopter gangway runway tram wing chauffeur platform ground staff van cockpit lorry liner deck

road	rail	air	sea
steering wheel			

31.3 Choose the best word *flight*, *journey*, *trip*, *travel* or *voyage* to fit these gaps.

1 I would love to ...*travel*... round the world in a balloon.
2 The liner *Titanic* sank on its very first .....
3 How long does the ..... from New York to Rio take?
4 She says her hobbies are reading, golf and .....
5 When they were in Cairo they took a ..... to see the Pyramids.
6 Getting from London to the north of Scotland involves a long overnight train .....

31.4 Read these travel blogs and fill the gaps with words from the opposite page.

Erik's Blog (24 June)

The flight from Huascal to Puerto Amlugo was s_____ delayed (six hours!). I was worried I'd get s_____ at the airport (and hoped that the airline would p_____ me u_____ in a nice hotel ☺) but anyway the flight wasn't c_____ and we finally took off. The weather was awful, and we experienced a lot of t_____. In fact, the flight was so b_____ that I got q_____ (very unpleasant!). But the c_____ c_____ were very friendly and helpful, which made me feel better. The l_____ was not so bad and soon we were at the t_____ collecting our baggage. I slept well last night - I think I've got over the j_____ I had after my 12-hour flight from Europe.

Mona's Blog (5 July)

I didn't have a reservation for the Eurostar train from Paris to London, but they put me on s_____ and I got a s_____ on a later train. It was a good journey, everything ran s_____ and it arrived _____ time. In London, I enquired if there was a s_____ c_____ on the train to Scotland so I could travel overnight. The alternative was a hotel and the e_____ m_____ train at 6.30 am (too early for me!). When I get to Scotland I want to go to some of the islands. I hope the sea is c_____. I hate r_____ seas - I always get s_____!

31.5 Over to you

Give answers that are true for you, and reasons.

1 How often do you travel by train? Have you ever been on a high-speed train?
2 Which do you prefer on a plane, a window or an aisle seat? Why? Do you usually visit the duty-free shop? What do you look for? What do you do before going through security?