

Writing: TELLING A STORY

- a A magazine asked its readers to send in stories about a time they had a problem when travelling. Read the story once. Why did Begoña and her husband get lost? What else went wrong?

- b Read the story again and complete the gaps with a connecting word or phrase from the list.

although as soon as because but
however instead of so then when

 **A bad journey**
This happened last... / a few months / years ago.
The first part of the journey was...
After a while,...
It was only when...
We realized that...
Luckily,...
In the end,...
It was an awful / terrible journey.

- c **Write** about a journey where you had a problem (or invent one) to send to the magazine. **Plan** what you're going to write using the paragraph notes below. Use the language from the **A bad journey** box to help you.

Paragraph 1	When was the journey? Where were you going? Who with? Why?
Paragraph 2	What problem did you have? What happened?
Paragraph 3	What happened in the end?

Disastrous journeys!

We asked you to tell us about a time you had a problem when travelling. Begoña from Spain wrote to us...



This happened a few years ago. I live in Alicante, in Spain, and my husband and I had rented a house in Galicia for the summer holiday. We were going to drive first to Tarragona to stay for a few days with some friends and ¹ then drive from Tarragona to Galicia.

The first part of the journey was fine. We were using our new satnav for the first time and it took us right to the door of our friends' house. Three days later, ² _____ we continued our journey, we put in the name of the small town in Galicia, Nigrán, which was our final destination. We started off, obediently following the instructions. ³ _____, after a while we realized that ⁴ _____ driving west towards Lleida, we were going north. In fact, soon we were quite near Andorra, right on the border with France. I was sure we were going in the wrong direction, ⁵ _____ my husband wanted to do what the satnav was telling us – it was his new toy! It was only when we started seeing mountains that even he admitted this couldn't be the right way. ⁶ _____ we stopped, got out an old map, and then turned round. We had wasted nearly two hours going in the wrong direction!

It was an awful journey, ⁷ _____ as well as getting lost, we had another problem. When we were nearly at our destination, we stopped for a coffee at a little bar, but ⁸ _____ we got back onto the motorway we realized that we had left our dog under the table in the café! For the second time that day, we had to turn round and go back. Luckily, the dog was still there! And luckily, ⁹ _____ the beginning of our trip was a disaster, we had a wonderful holiday!

- d **Check** your story for mistakes (grammar, vocabulary, punctuation, and spelling).

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