

## Nightmare journeys

We asked you to tell us about your nightmare journeys. Jutta from Germany wrote to us about hers...

A nightmare journey I remember was three years ago <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_ I was going to the airport with my friend. We were going to Mallorca on holiday and we had to be at Dresden airport two hours before the flight.

We leaved home with plenty of time, <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_ when we got to the motorway there was a huge traffic jam! The traffic wasn't moving at all. We didn't knew what to do. It was too late to go another way, <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_ we just sat in the car getting more and more stressed. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_ ten minutes the traffic started moving slowly. We decided to leave the motorway and try to found another way to the airport, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_ I wasn't sure of the way and we got completely lost. We was sure we were going to miss the flight. We finally arrived at the airport just thirty minutes before the plane was going to leave. The woman at the check-in desk said we couldn't to check in our luggage <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_ it was too late <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_ we had to run with all our cases to the departure gate.

<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_ my friend felt over and hurt her leg, we managed to get to the gate in time and <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_ we caught our flight.



- Read the story once. What happened in the end? Then correct the six grammar mistakes with the verbs (wrong tense or wrong form).
- Read the story again and complete with a connecting word or phrase.  
after    although    because    but (x2)    in the end    so (x2)    when
- Look at the list of possible travel problems in the **Useful language** box below. Mark them C if they refer to a car journey and P if they refer to a plane journey.

### Useful language: travel problems

the flight was delayed	there was a traffic jam
you broke down	you got a puncture
you got lost	you forgot your passport
you missed your flight	your flight was overbooked

**WRITE** about a nightmare journey you've had (or invent one).

**PLAN** what you're going to write using the paragraph summaries below. Use the **Useful language** box and **Vocabulary Bank Transport and travel p.148** to help you.

- Paragraph 1    When was the journey?  
Where were you going? Who with? Why?
- Paragraph 2    What went wrong? What happened?
- Paragraph 3    What happened in the end?

**CHECK** the story for mistakes ( grammar , punctuation , and spelling ).