

TRAVEL AND MOVEMENT

1 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best completes each collocation or fixed phrase.

Most big cities were built long before the heyday of the private car. As a result, they rarely have enough space for moving traffic or parked vehicles, and long queues of (1) ...C..... vehicles are a common sight. Indeed, some cities end up being almost permanently (2) _____ during the day. Those that have a relatively free (3) _____ of traffic at non-peak periods of the day do not escape either. The (4) _____ hour of early morning or early evening can easily see traffic brought to a (5) _____. The effects of exhaust (6) _____ on air pollution in cities has been well documented. Buses might be seen as the solution, but they move slowly because of the sheer (7) _____ of other traffic, thus encouraging more commuters to abandon (8) _____ transport.

- 1) A standing B settled C stationary D static
- 2) A stuffed B saturated C crammed D congested
- 3) A flow B current C tide D flood
- 4) A push B rush C hasty D hurry
- 5) A standstill B hold-up C jam D freeze
- 6) A smells B odours C fumes D stinks
- 7) A size B volume C breadth D depth
- 8) A civic B mass C public D popular

2 Match each person from the box with one of the comments. Who's speaking?

Hitchhiker	conductor	passenger	driver	traffic warden	commuter	steward
		passer-by	pedestrian	rambler		

- a) I love wandering through the countryside along deserted footpaths.
- b) I'll bring you your drink in just a minute, madam
- c) I've been waiting all morning at this roundabout for someone to stop.
- d) I was just walking down the street opposite the bank when I saw it happen.
- e) I've spent the last half an hour looking for a spot. It's hopeless
- f) I'll ring the bell for you, love, when it's time to get off.
- g) The sign clearly says two hours only and you've been here all day.
- h) It's just impossible getting across the road here. We need a subway,

- i) Do you think you could go a little more slowly, I'm a bit nervous.
- j) This train is late every morning. It has been for years.

3 Complete the text with words formed from the words in capitals.

The Manager

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I travelled last week on a Transworld Airbus from London Gatwick to Copenhagen. This was the (1) ...outward. OUT journey of a holiday in Denmark, a (2) PACK _____ tour arranged through a company called 'Sunset'. My (3) FLY _____ was due to leave at 8.20 am on Tuesday 25th November, but did not in fact leave until 20.30, a delay of more than eight hours. The reason given was that vital (4) MAINTAIN _____ work had to be carried out. Although all passengers were given a free meal, no other offer of (5) ASSIST _____ was given. Such a long delay is totally (6) ACCEPT _____, and I feel justified in the circumstances in requesting some form of financial (7) COMPENSATE _____ I have written to the tour (8) OPERATE _____, who denied responsibility and advised me to write to you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Charles Rogers

4 Both options make sense. Underline the one which forms a common collocation.

- a) We managed to complete our journey ahead of/in front of schedule.
- b) On our way to York, we divided/broke our journey in Peterborough.
- c) As I wasn't coming back by train, I asked for a single/simple ticket.
- d) The two coaches collided/bumped, but luckily no one was injured/wounded.
- e) There has been widespread public enmity/opposition to the plan for a new road.
- f) My car skidded/slipped off the road and hit a tree.
- g) The train was packed, and there was standing place/room only.
- h) Look at that enormous goods/industrial train - it must have 20 or 30 wagons!

- i) The police accused Donald of breaking the speed limit/restriction.
- j) The Chairman made a brisk/flying visit to the company's new office in Brussels.

5 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Anyone who has gone on a skiing holiday at a ski (1) D (RESORT) of any size will be familiar with the age-old problem - the eternal wait for ski lifts and cable cars. Well, there is an alternative. If you feel like something just a little different why not try heli-skiing in Canada? Somewhere in the snowy wastes of the Rocky Mountains the helicopter will deposit you and your group onto a slope of virgins, now that you have all to yourselves. It is all a (2) _____ cry from the busiest slopes of, say, Switzerland, France and Italy. You are fifty miles from the nearest town and there is nothing remotely (3) _____ a ski-lift, so you have to (4) _____ on legs, skis and the chopper. You might see the (5) _____ mountain goat or grizzly bear, but there won't be (6) _____ of other skiers. There are one or two disadvantages. Your friendly helicopter pilot might just put you down in a five-metre snow (7) _____. And freezing weather might ground your helicopter and leave you (8) _____ in the wilderness.

- 1) A spot B haunt C refuge D resort
- 2) A different B strange C far D long
- 3) A resembling B appearing C seeming D looking
- 4) A count B trust C rely D reckon
- 5) A occasional B sometime C incidental D irregular
- 6) A bunches B hordes C throngs D swarms
- 7) A dune B pile C mound D drift
- 8) A deserted B stranded C marooned D aground

6 Replace the words underlined in each sentence with a form of one of the words in the box. It may be necessary to use a plural or a particular verb tense or form.

accelerate	ascend	collide	dismount	fasten	alight	endanger	reverse
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- a) Ann got off her horse and picked up her riding hat. dismounted
- b) As the plane went faster down the runway, David began to sweat nervously. _____
- c) Without realising it, Jim drove backwards into a lamp post. _____
- d) In thick fog, the two ships ran into each other outside the harbour. _____
- e) Passengers who wish to get off at Hove should travel in the front coach. _____

f) Please do up your safety belt before we begin the journey. _____

g) The captain refused to put at risk the safety of the crew. _____

h) The balloon rose up gracefully into the summer sky. _____

7 Complete the spaces by finding one word which fits in all three sentences.

a) It only takes one small accident to _____ up the traffic for several hours.

The new Atlantic airbus will _____ about 700 passengers.

Like it or not, it is the train and not the car which will _____ the key to the future of domestic travel.

b) Why don't you just get the goods delivered to your house, and _____ yourself a two-hour car journey into the city-centre?

By driving at 70 km/h instead of 100, you can _____ a lot of petrol.

I'm trying to _____ up for a trip to Canada, so I can't afford to buy much at the moment.

c) The Department of Transport have _____ a deadline of 1 June for completion of the new motorway.

Because of the strike by air traffic controllers, delays are to _____ continue well into next week.

The trains in Switzerland are so punctual you can _____ your watch by them.

d) The train was delayed because of ice on the _____

After the accident there was a solid _____ of cars stretching back for several miles.

In a new initiative announced today, police are to take a harder _____ on speeding motorists.

e) After a while the _____ we had been following became thick undergrowth.

Right, now, I want you to run twice around the _____ for a warm-up.

Sorry, I've rather lost _____ of my argument.