

### Vocabulary

I didn't notice that there was no more gas in the car, so **I ran out of fuel**.

My car **broke down**. I don't know what was wrong with it. The engine just stopped.

We're going to be late. The traffic's terrible. We're **stuck in a traffic jam**.

It's 8:30 a.m., so lots of people are driving to work. It's **the rush hour**.

**I got lost**. I didn't know where I was.

I'm just calling to let you know I'll be a bit late. My train's **delayed** 20 minutes.

There's a big traffic jam ahead. We've just passed a sign that said "**Long delays**".

My first train was delayed, so I didn't catch the next one. I **missed my connection**.

There are no flights from the airport today. They're all **canceled** because of the snow. I'm afraid you can't use that ticket on this train. It's not **valid**.

I didn't use this ticket, so can I get my money back? Could I get a **refund**?

If you use that ticket on this train you have to **pay a supplement**. It's €7 extra.

They don't sell cheap tickets at the station. You can only get a **standard ticket**. With a standard ticket, you don't get a **reduced fare**. You have to pay the **full fare**.

### Reading 6.3

#### 6.3 Follow-up

Complete 1–5 using different words to make expressions that mean the same. Then compare your answers with the language used in the article in Reading 6.3.

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| 1 "... I worried I wouldn't catch the flight." | "... I worried I'd _____ the flight."     |
| 2 "... I couldn't use all the fuel."           | "... I couldn't _____ _____ _____ fuel."  |
| 3 "... I could get stuck in a lot of traffic." | "... I could get stuck in a _____ _____." |
| 4 "... if the first flight was late ..."       | "... if the first flight was _____ ..."   |
| 5 "... I could miss my next flight."           | "... I could miss my _____."              |

### 6.3 Reading

# FEATURE

Do you suffer from "timetable stress"? If so, you probably waste lots of time.  
Elaine Cody discusses her own experience of the problem.

My alarm clock went off at 6:30 a.m. I was booked on a plane at 11:00, and immediately I worried I'd miss the flight. I jumped out of bed like a kangaroo. As I was brushing my teeth, I was already getting stressed about the 75-minute drive to the airport. I had a tank full of gas, so I couldn't run out of fuel. And my car was only two years old, so was unlikely to break down. However, there were lots of other things that could go wrong. The rush hour was coming up, so I could get stuck in a traffic jam. Or I could get lost on the spaghetti of highways around the airport. I decided to leave 30 minutes earlier.

I began to relax when I arrived at the terminal. I had to catch two planes, so if the first flight was delayed, there was a risk I could miss my connection. Although only a small risk. When I made the booking, I had the possibility of having just one hour between flights. But that was too stressful. So I chose a later connecting flight, which gave me two and a half hours in transit. So only a long delay or a canceled flight could stop me.



### Practice Exercise 1

Match the pairs to make common phrases about travel problems.

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|--------------|---|---|---------------|
| run out of   | 1 | A | down          |
| get stuck in | 2 | B | fuel          |
| pay          | 3 | C | lost          |
| miss         | 4 | D | a supplement  |
| break        | 5 | E | a connection  |
| get          | 6 | F | a traffic jam |

## Practice Exercise 2

Audio link: <https://www.inlingua.com/audios>

### 6.3 Listening (Track 24)



**Part A** You're going to hear a conversation about a travel problem. Listen, then say who's speaking, where the people are and explain the problem.

**Part B** Use the words below to complete these extracts from the conversation.

full   reduced   refund   supplement   valid

- 1 "Your ticket was only \_\_\_\_\_ on the last train."
- 2 "You'll have to buy a standard ticket and pay the \_\_\_\_\_ fare."
- 3 "So it'll cost me more? I have to pay a \_\_\_\_\_?"
- 4 "The ticket you have is an advance purchase booking with a \_\_\_\_\_ fare."
- 5 "It's not possible to get any money back for it. I can't give you a \_\_\_\_\_."

## ANSWERS

### Follow up 6.3

1. Miss
2. Run out of
3. Traffic jam
4. Delayed
5. Connection

### Practice Exercise 1

1. B
2. F
3. D
4. E
5. A
6. C

### Practice Exercise 2

1. Valid
2. Full
3. Supplement
4. Reduced
5. Refund