

# Unit 4

## 1 A difficult journey

Diana: Hi Carl. Hey, why weren't you at school yesterday?

Carl: I was still on holiday.

Diana: But you told me you were going to be back home on Saturday.

Carl: Yes, that was the plan, but a few things went wrong.

Diana: Oh no. What happened?

Carl: Well, you know we were on a tiny island with a beautiful beach. It's a great place, but it isn't very easy to get there. You have to fly to a big island and then take a ferry to the small island and then take a taxi to the hotel on the beach. The journey there was fine, but on the last day of our holiday there was a bad storm.

Diana: So ... no ferry. Did you stay another night in your hotel?

Carl: Well, no. We asked a taxi driver if there would be a ferry to the big island in this weather. And he said, "No problem. It's just a little wind and the boat can go."

Diana: But it didn't?

Carl: No, it didn't. So then we had no boat and no place to stay. In the end we got a room in a really expensive hotel. My dad was angry because it cost so much. Then the next day the weather was a little bit better but still bad. We got on the ferry, but the journey wasn't fun. My poor mum was seasick all the way.

Diana: Yuk. I was seasick on the ferry to France – it's awful!

Carl: The journey was so slow that we missed the next flight home. We had to spend another night on the big island in another very expensive hotel. Dad was so angry!

Diana: Can't he get his money back?

Carl: He's trying. He told me if he didn't get any money back, we'd spend our next holiday at home in the garden. I hope that's not true!