

Reading

Holiday disasters

Everyone loves to go on holiday, but what happens when something goes wrong?

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Lucy Davids booked a nice hotel near the beach in Greece. She planned to relax and read her book for a week. On the day of her **flight**, she left home at 6.00 to catch her plane at 10.00. She lived a long way from the airport! When she checked in, her passport wasn't in her bag – it was at home! She quickly ran to her car, drove home, got her passport and drove back to the airport. She arrived, feeling very stressed, ten minutes before her plane left!



(2)

John Timmer arrived in New York ready for a fantastic holiday with his six friends. They planned to go sightseeing, go to the theatre and buy lots of clothes. On the first evening, they ate in an expensive restaurant but when it was time to pay, John couldn't find his wallet. Luckily, his friends were very good and gave him money for the rest of the holiday. When he arrived home, there was a pack from the airline company with his wallet inside – it was on the plane!



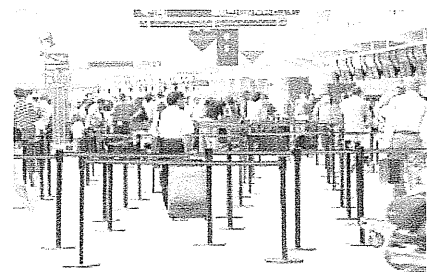
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Karen de Silva also went to eat in an expensive restaurant when she was on holiday in Turkey, but a few hours later she started to feel very **sick**. She couldn't sleep, and the next day her husband decided to take her to the hospital. The doctors said she had **food poisoning**. She stayed in hospital for five days, she returned to the hotel one day before her plane to England!



(4)

Mark Peterson had a great holiday in Spain. He made lots of friends and went to lots of parties. On the last night he went to an all-night party and when he arrived at the hotel the next morning, he went to sleep. His plane was at 11 a.m. and he woke up at 10.30 a.m. He got a taxi to the airport immediately, but he didn't arrive in time and his plane left without him. Strangely, the same thing happened to a girl he met at the all-night party. They went for a coffee together to forget what happened, and now they are happily married!



Glossary

- flight** volo
- sick** nauseata
- food poisoning** avvelenamento da cibo

1 Leggi i testi e abina i titoli dati ai quattro episodi.

- Good friends
- Document problems
- A bad morning
- Time in hospital

2 Leggi di nuovo i testi e rispondi alle domande.

- 1 What did Lucy plan to do on holiday?
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- 2 Why couldn't she check in?
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- 3 When did Lucy arrive at the airport with her passport?
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- 4 Where did John eat on the first evening?
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- 5 Did he find his wallet in the end?
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- 6 Who was on holiday with Karen?
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- 7 How many days was she in hospital?
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- 8 What did Mark do on holiday?
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- 9 What did he do on the last night?
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- 10 Why did he miss his plane?
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