

6A Road trip race

Aim

to review road trip vocabulary

Activity type

a story ordering and sentence completion activity

Classroom dynamics

pairwork

Time taken

15 minutes

Preparation

You will need one copy of the activity sheet per pair, cut up into a set of story strips and a vocabulary list.

Procedure

- 1 Divide the class into pairs. Tell students they are going to reorder a story into a clear narrative. Hand out a set of story strips to each pair.
- 2 Give students time to organise the story. Tell them to ignore the gaps at this stage. You can do this stage as a race between pairs.
- 3 Once students have completed the task, check answers as a class. If you chose to do the first part of the activity as a race, decide on a winner at this point.
- 4 Ask students to complete the sentences with a word or phrase that they think would make sense in the context. Challenge them to use vocabulary from the unit, but do not allow them to look at their vocabulary list.
- 5 Each pair swaps their story strips with another pair. Hand out a vocabulary list to each pair. Students then use these words to complete the sentences, altering the tenses and verb forms as necessary. They should then discuss whether they think the other pair's answers are also appropriate and correct, given the context.


Adaptation and extension

- You can challenge students to write a similar story using their own ideas. They can use the vocabulary set to help them, as well as the vocabulary list in their Coursebook.
- For a shorter activity, you may give out the vocabulary set at the same time as the story strips. In this case, students complete the ordering and vocabulary tasks simultaneously.

Answer key

Story order: 11, 7, 2, 4, 8, 10, 1, 6, 12, 3, 9, 5

- 1 heading for
- 2 fallen into disrepair
- 4 decommissioned
- 5 bypass
- 6 make a diversion
- 7 drive the length of
- 8 memorabilia
- 9 sprang up
- 12 go off track; gravel

FORMULA C1 ADVANCED		Vocabulary
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bypass decommissioned drive the length of fall into disrepair go off track gravel head for make a diversion memorabilia spring up		
		
11	I've got to tell you about my road trip adventure last year!	
7	My friends and I decided to _____ the south coast of the UK during our summer holidays, stopping in different places every night.	
2	It seemed like a great idea. We'd get to see the beautiful, well-known areas and also the areas that have _____ over the years – so a full view of that part of the country's good and not so good sides!	
4	The first day of the trip we rented a car on the cheap. It was a 4x4, and looked like a _____ military vehicle! It certainly wasn't much to look at, but its hardness would come in useful ...	
8	We drove the car to our starting point, Land's End in Cornwall. Everything was great! The sun was shining, and we spent the day buying souvenirs to keep as _____ of our visit to show off about the fantastic places we'd been when we got home.	
10	It was for this same reason that we decided to go to Sandbanks next – it's some of the most expensive land to buy in the whole world, apparently!	
1	It was when leaving Sandbanks and _____ the South Downs that things started to go wrong.	
6	What annoyed us first was that we had to _____ because of some roadworks.	
12	We followed our satnav, which told us to _____ and take a _____ road.	
3	In no time at all we were hopelessly lost! We had to drive for 20 km at only 15 km an hour as it was getting dark. We were really lucky that the 4x4 was well suited to this sort of difficult terrain!	
9	In the end, a new route _____ on the satnav. We were saved – we had been about to stop and sleep in the car!	
5	Thankfully, for the rest of the journey we managed to _____ any more trouble, and we arrived in Margate with lots of souvenirs and a great story to tell!	
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