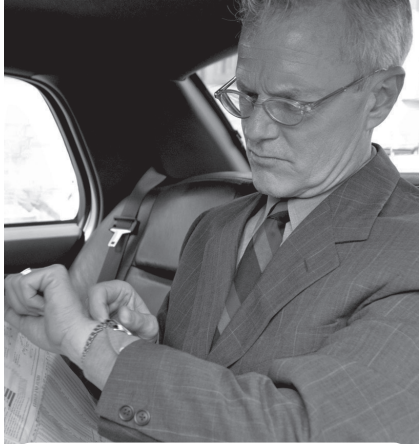


Going to the airport

1 Complete the sentence with these phrases.

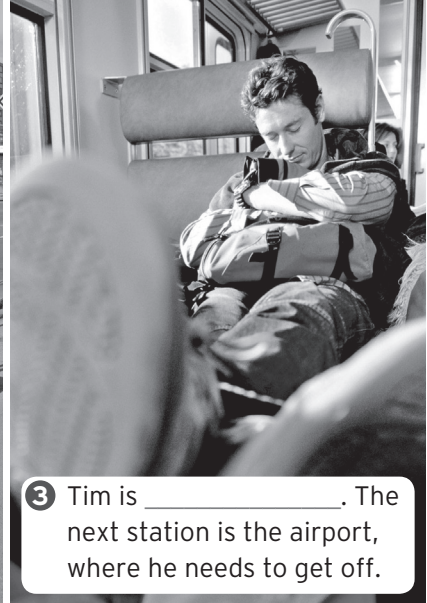
at the bus stop in a taxi on a train



1 Mr Symmonds is _____ on his way to the airport. His flight leaves in 55 minutes.



2 Mr and Mrs Sykes are going on holiday together. They're waiting _____ so they can get to the airport.



3 Tim is _____. The next station is the airport, where he needs to get off.

2 What problems could the people have? Discuss your ideas.

*Mr Symmonds could get stuck in traffic.
The bus might be late.
Tim might not wake up.*

*He / She might forget her passport.
He / She might lose his / her ticket.*

3 Read about what happened to each person. Who arrived first, second and third? Who is most likely to have missed the flight?

Mr Symmonds's flight was at 5.45 p.m. He left his office exactly two hours before and got into a taxi. Then he realised he had forgotten his passport. He had to go back to the office to collect it. This took 30 minutes. Then the taxi got stuck in traffic, and the journey took 55 minutes. ____

Mr and Mrs Sykes took the number 33 bus to the airport. They were booked on the same flight as Mr Symmonds. Their bus should have left exactly one hour before Mr Symmonds left his office, but it was 15 minutes late. The journey took them 50 minutes. ____

Tim was also booked on the same flight. He got onto the train at 3.15 p.m. for the 20-minute trip to the airport. Unfortunately he missed the airport station because he was asleep. He had to change trains and go back one stop, which took him 15 minutes. ____

4 Work in pairs. You need to catch a flight at 7.00 p.m. this Sunday. Agree on a plan for getting to the airport. Plan what you will do if things go wrong.

We'll get the bus at 4.00 p.m, so I'll meet you at the bus stop at 3.50 p.m. If the bus is late by more than 15 minutes, we'll get a taxi. We'll carry our passports and tickets in our handbags so we don't forget them.

5 Join with two other pairs and tell your group your plan to get to the airport. Who will get there first?