

# 13a How was your trip?

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- 1 Read these extracts from interviews with people about their business trips. Then look at the words in bold in each extract and find six pairs of opposite phrases. The first one has been done as an example.

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1 The **trip was a complete disaster**. Everything went wrong – my plane was delayed on the way out and then my meeting was cancelled because the supplier was ill.

2 I don't go abroad often, just **an occasional trip** to Head Office in Frankfurt.

3 I've **arranged my trip** to Milan for the first week in April. I'm really excited – it's my first trip for the company and my first time to Italy.

4 The **trip out** took three hours, and I didn't have to get a taxi from the airport because the supplier was waiting for me to drive me to his offices.

5 I had to **cut short my trip** – there was a crisis back at the office. The clients were very understanding and have agreed to meet me next month instead.

6 The **trip was a great success**. I made a lot of useful contacts. My boss was very pleased when he read my report.

7 I make **frequent trips** to our supplier in Poland. We do a lot of business with them and it means that I earn lots of air miles to use on flights for my family.

8 It was a **one-way trip** – from Paris I went to visit another supplier in Brussels instead of coming straight back to the office.

9 The **trip back** took much longer than I expected – the flight was delayed because of bad weather. My husband came to meet me at the airport but he had to wait for two hours before my plane landed.

10 I've **cancelled my trip** to Madrid – I'm too busy dealing with things here at the office. We're going to reschedule for next spring when things are calmer.

11 I decided **to extend my trip** – I needed more time to visit all our customers.

12 It was just a quick **round trip** – there and back in a day. But it was very tiring. I left early in the morning and got back late at night.

- 2 You are going to talk about a business trip. Think of a recent trip you have made and write notes to answer each question below.

- Where and when did you go?
- Why did you go?
- How did you go? Did anything interesting happen during the journey?
- Who did you meet?
- What happened during the trip?
- What happened later, as a result of your trip?
- Have you learned anything from the experience?

When you have prepared your notes, work with a partner and interview each other.