

Christmas flight chaos and unexpected road trips

Have you ever helped a stranger? (Yes, I have. I was ...ing when...)

Vocabulary

1. cancelled 2. look after 3. stressful 4. journey 5. roughly 6. strangers

True Story

At Christmas 2022, many Southwest Airlines flights were _____ across the U.S. As passengers waited for hours with no information, some _____ decided to help each other get home.

One man, 25-year-old Titus Converse, travelled with two women he had just met. They drove from Phoenix, Arizona to Sacramento, California, a _____ of about 1,180 km that took around 12 hours. They arrived safely the next day. Another group of four travellers made an even longer trip from Tampa, Florida to Cleveland, Ohio, driving about 1,770 km in _____ 20 hours.

Travellers said the experience reminded them that even during a _____ holiday, people can still _____ one another.

Quiz

- When did the flight cancellations happen?
- How long did it take Titus Converse and the two women to travel from Phoenix to Sacramento?
- How far did the group of four travellers drive from Tampa to Cleveland?
- What did travellers say the experience reminded them of?

True or False

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| 1. Titus Converse travelled alone from Phoenix to Sacramento. | True False |
| 2. The journey from Tampa to Cleveland took roughly 25 years. | True False |
| 3. The experience reminded travellers that holidays are always relaxing. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Hi, I'm Titus. Are you stuck here too?
 B: Yes, I can't believe all the flights are cancelled!
 A: I know! Want to join me on a road trip to Sacramento?
 B: Really? That sounds like an adventure!
 A: Great! Let's grab some snacks and hit the road.
 B: Awesome! I'll bring my Christmas song playlist!

Discussion

- Have you ever had a flight cancelled?
- What's the longest road trip you've ever taken?
- Do you like meeting new people when you travel?
- What's your favorite snack for a long trip?