

The long way home

A British couple went to France for the day – and they got home seven days later.

Everything began well for Mr and Mrs Long on their day trip to France. They went by train from London to Dover and got to Boulogne in France.

They went for a short walk around the town but they got completely lost. „We walked and walked“, said Mrs Long, „but we couldn’t find our way back to the ferry port.“ They walked all the night and finally a motorist picked them up and drove them to a small village. Here they caught a train to Paris.

Their plan was to travel from Paris to London. But they caught the wrong train and the next morning they arrived in Luxembourg! They went to the police station for help, and two hours later the police put them on the train back to Paris. But the train divided into two and unfortunately they were in the wrong half, and they arrived in Basle in Switzerland! A lorry driver took them back to Paris and they went to the railway station again where they nearly got a train to Bonn in Germany. Finally, they got on the right train, and they arrived back in Boulogne a week after their „short walk around the town“. Mr Long said, „This was our first trip abroad and probably our last!“

1. Cut the text in 7 pieces.
2. Answer:
 - a) Are Mr and Mrs Long from France?
 - b) How many days did they want to spend in France?
 - c) Did they travel by boat?
 - d) How did they travel from Paris to London?
 - e) What happened on the train from Luxembourg to Paris?
 - f) Do they travel often?

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