Planes Trains and Automobiles

The Trials and Tribulations of Modern Travel.

Activity One – Watch the film extract.
What kind of travel problems does this illustrate? Use the past tense to give examples.

Planes, Trains & Automobiles Medley – You Tube

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4E-6TqhqkY&feature=related

Activity Two – tell the class about a time when you got delayed, got stuck in an airport, missed your train or generally had a travel disaster! Tell this story in the past tense.

Activity Three – **Class Survey**

Ask these questions to your partner and then tell the class what you have learned in general about your partners travel habits.

What is your preferred method of transport?	
Are you afraid of flying?	
Do you enjoy long journeys?	
Do you like to drive long distances?	
Do you ever hitchhike?	
Do you travel first class?	
Do you travel light?	
Do you often chat to people on journeys?	
Do you go abroad every year?	
Do you travel a lot within France?	
Have you ever missed a flight?	
Have you ever missed a train?	
Do you travel a lot for business?	
Do you try to be early for flights?	
Do you arrive at the last minute for flights or trains?	

Activity Four – Class vote. Do you think that the environmental impact of air travel means that we should stop using planes for tourism? Vote yes or no.

Now read the facts and vote again.

- **Flight uses more fuel than most forms of passenger transportation.** Airlines compensate for their high fuel bills by packing passengers into their aircraft, but, per mile, powering a jet uses almost as much energy, and emits almost as much climate-changing carbon dioxide, as each passenger would use driving alone in an average car.

- **Air travel has a disproportionate short-term effect on climate:** Carbon dioxide has the same effects on the climate no matter when or where it is injected into the atmosphere. But other aircraft emissions-such as nitrogen oxides-have potent, climate-changing effects because of the height at which they are released. Over the short term, they double the effects of the CO2. Over time, these other pollutants disappear, but the carbon dioxide remains aloft capturing heat for decades.
- **Airports are also big polluters of local air.** Jets release huge plumes of exhaust during taxiing, idling, takeoffs, and landings. One airplane taking off and landing produces as much nitrogen oxides as a car driven 26,500 miles. Many airports are among the top ten point-source polluters in their city

Activity Five – Comprehension. Watch the report and answer the questions. (Stop after just over six minutes.)

Iceland Volcanic Ash Cloud 1 of 7 - Background and Updates - BBC News

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZTR5wZUAZY&feature=PlayList&p=170157DA899D407F&playnext_from=PL&index=12&playnext=1

What came out of the ground?	
Where is the volcano?	
What did the police declare?	
What has the Red Cross done?	
What did they think about the eruption at first?	
What did they fear at first?	
What's it costing airlines?	
How do they describe the airports?	
What does Kerry Stoppard say about money?	
Name the latest countries affected.	

What percentage of flight sis cancelled?	
How much is it costing each day?	
What did people in Paris queue for?	
What is the situation with Euro star?	
When is it going to end?	
What have Lufthansa announced?	
What will happen when flights resume?	

Activity Six – Alternative forms of transport.

With your partner answer the following questions and tell the group what you think.

Use these expressions **– In our opinion, we feel that, having discussed this we think that, It seems clear that, obviously, Clearly, In view of the facts etc….**

1. What alternatives to fuel powered air travel do you think will exist in the near future?
2. What would people do if they could not travel by air because of another volcano type disaster?
3. Do people travel more than they really need to?
4. How can fast e-mail and Internet and other technological advances help reduce the amount that people travel?

Activity Seven – Listen to the song and try to understand what his message is…. What comparisons does he make to travel? Which travel words does he use?

Jimmy Cliff - Hard Road To Travel - Federal Records RARE Soul version – You Tube

http://youtube.com/watch?v=_2zsMgHhJXc&feature=related