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Travelling around

1 Read and complete the gaps (1–10) with the correct word a, b or c.

It was summer and I had (1) _____ had my eighteenth birthday and finished school. I'd spent the past three years saving (2) _____ and at last I was about to (3) _____ on the adventure of a lifetime. I opened the front door, slung my rucksack over my shoulder and prepared to (4) _____ off down the road. Ever since I'd read Jack Kerouac's *On The Road* I'd wanted to travel and feel the 'wind of freedom in my hair'.

First stop the bus (5) _____, people milling around waiting for buses, kissing farewells, or simply hanging (6) _____. I entered the ticket office and paid for a ticket for the next Greyhound (7) _____ of town. I spent the (8) _____ talking to an old lady who was travelling to visit her grandchildren; she was really nice and shared her sandwiches with me. That night I slept in a cheap motel on the outskirts of a small, dusty town. The next day, as the sun rose, I headed (9) _____ the highway to hitchhike. I was looking (10) _____ a ride south and the border with Mexico. The words of a song were going round in my head and I could feel the rays of the sun on my upturned face – life was looking good.

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| 1 a just | b only | c so |
| 2 a in | b down | c up |
| 3 a get up | b set off | c set up |
| 4 a head | b hand | c foot |
| 5 a port | b garage | c station |
| 6 a around | b down | c up |
| 7 a set | b in | c out |
| 8 a travel | b journey | c voyage |
| 9 a along | b over | c for |
| 10 a for | b to | c in |

2 Write a travel story starting with the words ...

When I flew for the first time
