## What went wrong?

## must have been / can't have been

- 1 10.4 Rick is calling Alex. Read and listen to his side of the conversation. What is it about?
  - R Alex, you're back! Did you and Hannah have a good time?

Α ..

R Really? What on earth happened?

Α ...

R I bet you were furious with her – that's the one thing you do need to travel these days. Did you go back to get it?

Α ...

R By four hours!?That's a long time. Were things OK when you finally took off?

Α ...

R I know, my poor sister. Turbulence can be really scary. Hannah must have been terrified. So, did things get better when you landed?

Α ...

R You poor things! No sleep, after that nightmare journey. Didn't you complain?

Α ...

R Three o'clock!? Were things any better the next day?

Α ...

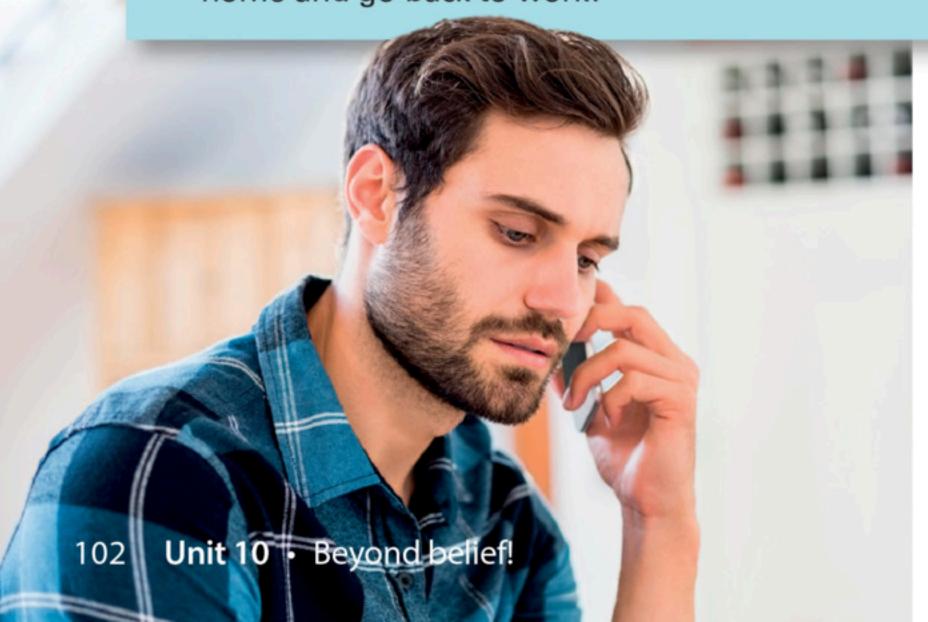
R So ... even the weather was awful. Sorry Alex ... but Leah and I were much luckier in Spain ... we had cloudless skies every day.

Α ...

R What? No sun at all – just wind and rain!?

Α ...

R You're kidding! You must have been so glad to get home and go back to work!





2 Work with a partner. Try to work out Alex's side of the conversation. Read the questions. Discuss and tick (✓) what you think is the most likely answer.

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<ul> <li>1 What is the relationship between Rick and Alex?</li> <li> They could be brothers.</li> <li> They must be brothers-in-law.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Where have Alex and Hannah been?</li> <li>They must have been on holiday abroad.</li> <li>They might have been on holiday in Scotland.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Why was Alex furious?</li> <li>He may have forgotten his passport.</li> <li>Hannah could have forgotten her passport.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>4 What was wrong with the journey?</li> <li>The flight must have been delayed.</li> <li>They might have missed their flight.</li> </ul>
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Why is Rick sorry for Hannah?She must be afraid of flying.

She could have been sick on the flight.

6 What was wrong when they arrived?

Their hotel room may not have been ready.

They can't have liked their room.

7 Were Alex and Hannah in Spain?

They can't have been in Spain.

They could have been in Spain.

8 What was the weather like?

There may have been a hurricane nearby.

It can't have rained every day.

## What do you think?

3 Go through the questions and tell the class what you think.
We think Alex and Rick must be brothers-in-law ...

4 10.5 Listen to the full conversation and check your answers.