* Travelling by Train», «Travelling by Sea» and «Travelling by Air»and say how each of the characters was getting ready for the journey. Two young couples Harris and Nora, George and Nancy were at a loss. They didn't know how to spend their honeymoon best. Only their close friend Andrew Milton knew what he should do. He was a Cambridge University student and he had got the invitation to spend his holidays in Japan. The young couples wanted to start on a sea voyage but Nora said she was a poor sailor and she would feel sea-sick the moment she got on board the ship. As for Nancy she didn't like to travel by air. Well, let's see how they settled their problem.

Travelling by Train
My friend Harris and his wife Nora were leaving London for Torby, one of the best seaside resorts in England, where they intended to spend their honeymoon. Harris had booked the single tickets by phone well in advance as it was a busy season. On Sunday morning I went to see my friends off. We took a taxi not to miss the train. When we got out, Harris called a porter. We followed the porter through the station building. There were quite a number of people there: some of them were waiting for the tickets in queues at the booking office, others were sitting in the waiting rooms. Passing the telegram counter Nora asked me to send a telegram to her uncle who lived in Torby. She wanted him to meet them at the station. When I came up to my friend's sleeping-car they were already back out of the platform. Harris had shown the tickets to the guard, found the compartment and put the luggage on the rack. They had one upper berth and one lower berth back to the engine. Their carriage was just near the dining-car and Nora said that she would order lunch when the attendant came along. Soon the guard told the people who had come to see their friends off to leave the car and passengers to get in. I wished my friends a comfortable journey and a minute later the train pulled out.

Travelling by Sea
It was wonderful present for her. Nancy was happy! Today George told her they would start on a sea voyage but the main things was to choose the route. At last they decided they would go from Dover to San Francisco. What was it like to travel by sea? George and especially Nancy were eager to know that. So the preparations began. George learnt the sailing schedule, reserved a separate secondclass cabin with two berths and paid the fares. Then he helped Nora to pack the luggage. The cruise started in the seaport of Dover. When Nancy and George arrived in the harbour their ship was already lying at the landing stage. They saw many tourists going up the gangway onto the deck. Soon they were on board too and asked the steward to show them their cabin. They left their luggage there and hurried to the deck to say «Good-bye» to their friends who had come to see them off. The steamer soon left the dock and went out towards the open sea. The sea was rather rough that day but George and Nancy were not afraid of being sea-sick. They breathed in the rich sea air and enjoyed a beautiful sunset at sea. America was waiting for them. Their dreams came true!

Travelling by Air
Andrew Milton decided to spend his winter vacations in Japan. He knew that it would be difficult to get a ticket as he hadn't booked a seat beforehand. He hoped he would get a ticket at the airport, so he took a taxi and went there. He was in luck! There was nobody at the booking office and soon he booked a seat on the tomorrow flight to Tokyo. The clerk warned Andrew that he should arrive at the airport two hours earlier and that he could take a special express coach that left the agency every 20 minutes. Next morning Andrew arrived at the airport terminal to catch his plane to Tokyo. At the check-in counter a ticket agent looked at his ticket and his luggage was weighed and labelled and a claim-check was inserted in the ticket. Next Andrew was given a boarding pass, a ticket that allowed him to get on the plane with a seat number on it. Andrew's suitcase weighed more than 20kgs, so he
* had to pay extra. The next formality was filling in the immigration form and going through passport control. The form had to be filled in block letters. Andrew wrote his name,nationality, permanent address and the purpose of his trip. There was also a security check. Andrew's carry on luggage was inspected. This was an anti-hijacking measure. After fulfilling all the formalities Andrew went to the departure lounge where he had a snack, then in the duty-free shop he bought a small present for his friend and while waiting for the announcement to board the plane he began to read a fresh newspaper. After a few minutes Andrew heard the announcement: «Flight 156 to Tokyo now boarding at Gate Three.» Andrew went to get on his plane.

Exercise 2. Look through the text «Travelling» again and choose the sentences which correspond to the text from the selection below.
1. Nora got out of the taxi and called a porter.
2. Harris and his wife were standing on the platform when their friend came up to them.
3. They came into their compartment and found their berths.
4. George told that the thing was to book tickets beforehand.
5. George reserved a separate first-class cabin and then packed the luggage.
6. The sea was rather calm, so George and Nancy were not afraid of being sea-sick.
7. Andrew Milton thought that it wouldn't be difficult to get a ticket at the airport.
8. In the afternoon Andrew took a special express coach and came to the airport in twenty minutes.
9. Andrew was sitting in the departure lounge when he heard the announcement.