

**The story**

British Airways flights from London to Dusseldorf are supposed to take just one hour and 20 minutes, making it a trip to the city 'easier and more attractive than ever', according to its website. But passengers who boarded one early-morning service took the scenic route, when the pilot mistakenly flew to Edinburgh.

**Vocabulary**

**baffled**

completely confused

- The directions he gave me didn't make sense at all. I was completely baffled!
- I'm not looking forward to this exam. Algebra is baffling.

**blunder**

careless mistake, often serious

- The goalkeeper made a serious blunder and threw the ball in his own goal!
- The government is accused of blundering its way through the current political crisis.

**stifle**

restrain or prevent something from happening

- I just couldn't stifle my laughter in the cinema. I had to let it out during the film.
- Critics claim that the government is trying to stifle free speech with the new laws.

**Language challenge**

Complete this sentence: You can see the time of your \_\_\_ on the board. It's \_\_\_ to see!

- a) plain / plane
- b) plane / plain

**Answer**

b) plane / plain