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Recipe for Disaster

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Take one weary middle-aged woman
And one frustrated, exasperated man
Place in the front of a people carrier
And ensure they are held in a long traffic queue
At high temperature

Then add one fractious toddler
One exuberant 10 year old
And one moody, sullen teenager
Agitate vigorously to create maximum hysteria
And high levels of noise

Further add a caged mewling cat
And a sleeping elderly dog
Place beside fractious toddler
And poke gently until dog growls
Followed by loud barking

Leave for several hours
Until all are hot, redfaced and cross
Then remove from people carrier
And place in a damp, mouldy caravan
In a muddy field

Add a liberal helping of torrential rain
Until caravan is fully saturated
Sprinkle with a pinch of thunder
and blast with forked lightning
until fully traumatised

And voila...
You have
The Great British family holiday!
Best served in July and August
Or save as a special Bank Holiday treat