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ENGLISH, THE MOST FORTUNATE DISCOVERY

OPPORTUNITIES English!

a Complete the text. Use ·was, ·were, wasn't, or weren't.

I went on holiday to Brazil last summer, and I stayed in an amazing hotel. My room was great. There ……. a large bed, and there ……. some big cupboards to put my clothes in. There ……. a kitchen, but there ……. a minibar full of drinks and snacks. There ……. three different restaurants to choose from. There ……. a beautiful swimming pool in the hotel, and there ……. a long beach very near. There ……. any tourists on the beach but there ……. some baby turtles. They were really beautiful!

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b Complete the dialogue with a form of there was/ there were.

A Did you have a good holiday?

B Not really. …… a problem with my hotel.

A Oh dear. What happened?

B Well, we couldn't swim because …… a swimming pool.

And …… any restaurants near the hotel.

A …… a minibar in your room?

B No …… a minibar and …… a television.

The only thing in my room was the bed!

A Oh. …… a bathroom?

B Yes, but …… any clean towels. Everything was very dirty.

A …… any nice people in the hotel?

B Yes, …… some great people, but they all felt the same as me - very angry!

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c Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

behind	**from to**	**in**	**next to**	**opposite**
out of	**over**	**under**	**up**	**in front of**

1 There's a family ……. the dining room.

2 The boy is sitting ……. the girl.

3 The woman is ……. the man.

4 There's a ghost standing ……. the woman.

5 There's a bag ……. the table.

6 A waiter is coming ……. the kitchen.

7 There's a ghost ……. the waiter.

8 The waiter is carrying the plates ……. the kitchen ……. the tables.

9 There's a clock ……. the kitchen door.

10 A ghost is going ……. the stairs.

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d Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

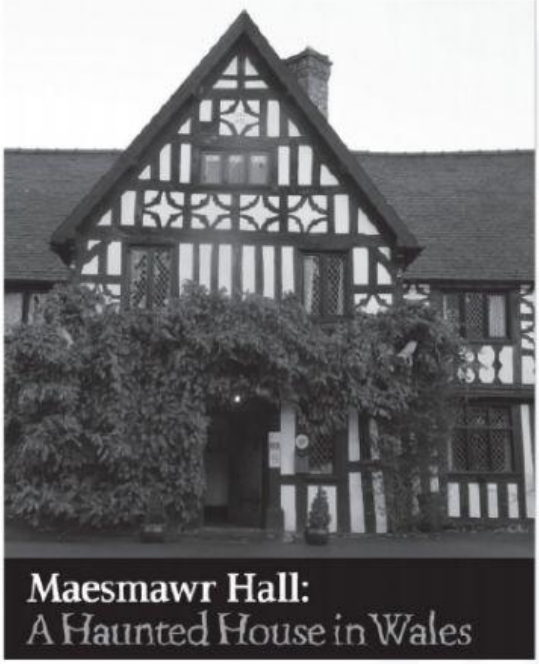
1 Maesmawr Hall is more than 500 years old. ☐

2 People have seen ghosts inside and outside the hotel. ☐

3 The ghosts are all of people who lived in the house in the past. ☐

4 Robin Drwg's ghost sometimes appears as a bull. ☐

5 Paranormal investigators didn't think that Maesmawr Hall was haunted. ☐



Maesmawr Hall is a manor house in Powys, Wales. It was built in 1535 and today is a 20-bedroom hotel and venue for weddings. It is famous because people say it is haunted.

Many guests say that they have seen ghosts. A businessman who stayed at the hotel said that when he looked out of the window he saw hundreds of Roman soldiers marching. In fact, in Roman times there was a road which passed through the grounds of Maesmawr Hall. Other guests said they saw the ghosts of the Davies sisters who owned the hotel in the 1900s, and the ghost of an old housekeeper walking through a wall in the hall. But perhaps most frightening is the story that the ghost of an evil man called Robin Drwg haunts the woods around the hotel. Some people say that they have seen this ghost suddenly change into the shape of a bull.

Maesmawr was on a TV programme about houses with ghosts called *Most Haunted*. The TV show presenters and investigators from the Mid Wales Paranormal (MWP)reported lots of strange activity in the hall- seeing balls of light, feeling movements, and hearing unusual sounds. During the investigation, the floor in one of the upstairs rooms moved. The hotel's current owner, Nigel Humphryson, says he often hears voices and banging noises that he cannot explain. So if you're interested in ghosts, why not stay here? But don't go outside at night unless you're feeling really brave!

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e Listen to four people talking about hotel rooms. Which countries did they visit?

……..

f Listen again. Match the speakers to the rooms.

Speaker 1	A The room was under the water.
Speaker 2	B The room had mirrors on the walls and the ceiling.
Speaker 3	C The room wasn't very comfortable.
Speaker 4	D The room was up a tree.

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

- ☐ ghosts
- ☐ haunted
- ☐ guest
- ☐ strange
- ☐ owner
- ☐ In the middle of the night
- ☐ priest
- ☐ brave
- ☐ frightened
- ☐ remote control

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