The 22-year weekend break

David Davidson, 79, and his wife, Jean, 70, (1) have been living (live) in Travelodge hotels for over 22 years. The couple (2) _____ (spend) more than £100,000 staying at the hotels even though they own a flat in Sheffield. They say it is cheaper than living in their own home.

The couple's love of motel life began in the 1980s when they (3) _____ (stay) in a Travelodge on the A1 at Newark, Nottinghamshire, while visiting an elderly aunt. They enjoyed their stay so much that when the aunt (4) _____ (die) they decided to move in permanently. However, by 1997, they felt like a change so they moved to a newly-built Travelodge, only 15 minutes away, and still on the A1. They (5) _____ (stay) there ever since. They return to their flat once a fortnight to pick up their post.

Mr Davidson, a retired banker, says "We have everything we need here and the staff are like family now." Mrs Davidson, who (6) _____ (suffer) from a bone disease for many years and now uses a wheelchair, said "Our room here is on the ground floor, so that's good for me and we (7) _____ (bring) lots of framed photos with us so it feels like a home from home. Friends and family come to visit us here and we even get birthday and Christmas cards from the staff."

The couple, who (8) _____ (marry) since 1953 and have a son also called David, even use Travelodges when they go on holiday. "We (9) _____ (just return) from three weeks in Savannah, Georgia, USA and, although the American Travelodges aren't the same company, we still feel it is the only place to stay," said Mr Davidson.

Travelodge's director for the north of England, Paul Anstey, said: "We are delighted that the Davidsons (10) _____ (make) Travelodge their home. To recognize their loyalty, their room (11) _____ (name) 'The Davidsons' Suite' and a plaque (12) _____ (put up) in their honour in Reception."



"We just love hotel living."

2 Here are some answers to questions about the Davidsons. Write the questions.

1 How long have they been living in Travelodge Hotels ?
22 years.

2 _____ ?
£100,000.

3 _____ ?
In the 1980s.

4 _____ ?
Because they felt like a change.

5 _____ ?
Once every two weeks.

6 _____ ?
For many years. She now uses a wheelchair.

7 _____ ?
Since 1953.

8 _____ ?
To recognize their loyalty.

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