EZ Speakers with Songs

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Lesson 27 (50) / Hotel California by the Eagles



1 Watch, listen and enjoy.

"Hotel California"

On a dark desert highway, cool wind in my hair
Warm smell of colitas, rising up through the air
Up ahead in the distance, I saw a shimmering light
My head grew heavy and my sight grew dim
I had to stop for the night
There she stood in the doorway
I heard the mission bell
And I was thinking to myself
"This could be Heaven or this could be Hell"
Then she lit up a candle and she showed me the way
There were voices down the corridor
I thought I heard them say

Welcome to the Hotel California
Such a lovely place (Such a lovely place)
Such a lovely face
Plenty of room at the Hotel California
Any time of year (Any time of year)
You can find it here

Her mind is Tiffany-twisted, she got the Mercedes bends
She got a lot of pretty, pretty boys she calls friends
How they dance in the courtyard, sweet summer sweat
Some dance to remember, some dance to forget

So I called up the Captain
"Please bring me my wine."
He said, "We haven't had that spirit here since nineteen sixty nine."
And still those voices are calling from far away
Wake you up in the middle of the night
Just to hear them say

Welcome to the Hotel California
Such a lovely place (Such a lovely place)
Such a lovely face
They livin' it up at the Hotel California
What a nice surprise (what a nice surprise)
Bring your alibis

Mirrors on the ceiling
The pink champagne on ice
And she said "We are all just prisoners here, of our own device"
And in the master's chambers
They gathered for the feast
They stab it with their steely knives
But they just can't kill the beast

Last thing I remember
I was running for the door
I had to find the passage back to the place I was before
"Relax," said the night man
"We are programmed to receive
You can check-out any time you like
But you can never leave!"

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2 Listen and fill in the gaps

On a dark _____ highway, cool wind in my hair
Warm smell of colitas, rising up _____ the air
Up _____ in the distance, I saw a shimmering light
My head _____ heavy and my sight grew dim
I had to stop _____ night

3 Listen, put the verbs in brackets in the correct form

"This could be Heaven or this could be Hell"
There she _____ (stand) in the doorway
And I _____ (think) to myself
Then she _____ (light up) a candle and she _____ (show) me the way
I _____ (hear) he mission bell
There _____ (be) voices down the corridor
I _____ (think) I _____ (hear) them say

4 Listen and order the lines

You can find it here
Such a lovely place (Such a lovely place)
Welcome to the Hotel California
Such a lovely face
Any time of year (Any time of year)
Plenty of room at the Hotel California

5 Listen, match the parts of the lines

Her mind is Tiffany-twisted,	some dance to forget
She got a lot of pretty, pretty boys	just to hear them say
How they dance in the courtyard,	she got the Mercedes bends
Some dance to remember,	sweet summer sweat
So I called up the Captain	"Please bring me my wine."
He said, "We haven't had that spirit here	since nineteen sixty nine."
And still those voices	she calls friends
Wake you up in the middle of the night	are calling from far away

7 Listen, choose the right word

Mirrors on the ceiling / seeing
The dry / pink champagne on ice
And she said "We are all just pioneers / prisoners here, of our own device"
And in the master's chambers / rooms
They gathered for the fast / feast
They stab it with their steely knives / lives
But they just can't kill the east / beast

8 Listen, arrange the lines

I remember Last thing
the running I was for door
I was before I had find the passage to back to the place
Relax, the night man said
We programmed are to receive
You can check-out time you like any
But can you leave never

9 Listen read the lyrics out loud

10 Match the words partnerships with their meanings

11 Then read the words and the definitions out loud

a desert highway	to come together for a very good meal
in the distance	to become not light
to grow heavy	extremely materialistic
in the doorway	an empty rode, that people don't often attend
a plenty of room	a place is very far from you, but you can still see it
Tiffany-twisted	a lot of space
to gather for the feast	in the entrance

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12 Glenn Frey, the author of «Hotel California» said that the song is «about American exes», meaning that it's about a divorce. How do you see a divorce? What can you compare it with?

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