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Reading part 4

Read the text and the questions below. For each question, choose the correct answer.

A hotel under the sea

Want to sleep under the sea? The company Planet Ocean has plans for an exciting underwater hotel, which they hope to build in locations all over the world.

The hotel won't be large, with only 12 guest rooms, plus a restaurant. Guests will get to the hotel in a lift – so no diving or getting wet! The hotel will float 10 metres under the ocean, although it will be attached to the sea bed to prevent it from moving too far. Because it won't be very deep under the water, the sun will shine down and provide light. Guests will get great close-up views of the fish and other sea creatures, which won't be bothered by the hotel and so won't make any effort to avoid it.

The hotel's design, with clear plastic walls, means guests will be able to see the sea and all the creatures that live there around, above and below them in their rooms. They will almost get the feeling that they are swimming in the ocean. The luxury rooms will have a shower, TV and even the internet. The restaurant will serve high-

quality meals. As you might expect, Planet Ocean want to encourage people to eat less fish, so guests won't find any on the menu. What's more surprising is that the atmosphere will be silent, so guests will have to imagine the sound of the ocean around them.

The hotel won't be cheap to build and it won't be cheap to stay in. But the designers are especially proud of the fact that it will be environmentally friendly. It will use electricity, of course, but it will produce its own, and won't disturb ocean life at all. In fact, the designers hope some sea creatures will build their homes on parts of the building, which will bring real benefits to the underwater world.

Planet Ocean's future designs include a moving hotel. It perhaps sounds like this will work in the same way as a cruise ship, but this is not the case. In fact, rather than moving between continents and countries, it will stay within a single country's waters, but only occasionally change positions around its coast.

1 What do we learn about the hotel?

A Guests will have to swim down to get to it.
B Its lights will shine into the sea so guests can see the fish.
C It will only have a small number of rooms.
D Fish and other sea creatures will be scared of it.

2 What might guests find strange about staying at the hotel?

A swimming from their rooms into the ocean
B having ocean life in their room
C enjoying a meal of freshly caught fish
D being unable to hear the ocean

3 What is the best thing about the hotel, according to the designers?

A It won't cost much to build.
B It won't use much electricity.
C It won't cause any damage to the environment.
D Fish and other sea creatures won't come very close to it.

4 Planet Ocean's moving hotel will

A rarely move from one site to another.
B travel between various countries.
C be similar to a type of cruise ship.
D remain close to the coast of each continent.

5 What might a guest in this hotel say?

A

It's very expensive, but the facilities are quite basic and the windows are too small to see outside.

B

It's great to stay in such a beautiful hotel that is also good for the planet.

C

Seeing the fish up close is amazing, but it's a shame that the hotel disturbs sea life.

D

It's a great idea, and I love the fact that it can move around and travel to different locations.