I'm not frightened of death.
I just don't want to be there when it happens.
Woody Allen, American film director

8C A night in a haunted hotel

I. GRAMMAR

1. 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 [1] *was* a large bed, and there [2] _____ some big cupboards to put my clothes in. There [3] _____ a kitchen, but there [4] _____ a minibar full of drinks and snacks. There [5] _____ three different restaurants to choose from. There [6] _____ a beautiful swimming pool in the hotel, and there [7] _____ a long beach very near. There [8] _____ any tourists on the beach but there [9] _____ some baby turtles. They were really beautiful!

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2. Complete the dialogue with a form of *there was* or *there were*.

A Did you have a good holiday?

B Not really. [1] *There was* a problem with my hotel.

A Oh dear. What happened?

B Well, we couldn't swim because [2] _____ a swimming pool. And [3] _____ any restaurants near the hotel.

A [4] _____ a minibar in your room?

B No, [5] _____ a minibar and [6] _____ a television. The only thing in my room was the bed!

A Oh. [7] _____ a bathroom?

B Yes, but [8] _____ any clean towels. Everything was very dirty.

A [9] _____ any nice people in the hotel?

B Yes, [10] _____ some great people, but they all felt the same as me – very angry!

II. VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

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III. PRONUNCIATION

Choose the silent letters.

1 ghost	3 white	5 autumn	7 builder
2 cupboard	4 know	6 walk	8 wrong

IV. READING

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

1 Maesmawr Hall is more than 500 years old. F
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. __

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

1 There's a family *in* 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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Maesmawr Hall:
A Haunted House in Wales

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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