

B1+ Reading

STUDENT'S NAME:

Reading

11 Read the blog and match headings a–f with paragraphs 1–6.

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| a Facilities | d Service |
| b Location | e Other guests |
| c Things to do | f Value for money |

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Hi, everyone! It's Kate here, and it's time for me to share my latest travel recommendations with you. Now, if any of you out there are looking for a cheap holiday, you could try the Bristol Hotel in Malta. I went back there last week, after a gap of nearly ten years. The hotel itself is around 15 minutes' walk from Golden Bay – one of the most child-friendly beaches on the island, with a gentle walk down to the sea and golden yellow sand. The hotel lies in the back streets of the town, up a narrow road.

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The hotel is very cheap – I paid just £40 a night – and my room, although small, was incredibly clean. There were fresh flowers on the table when I arrived, along with a bowl of fruit and a bottle of water, and the sheets and towels were changed every day.

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I remembered the staff as being very helpful, but that seems to have changed, unfortunately. On arriving at reception, I had to wait nearly 10 minutes for someone to check me into my room and on several occasions when I tried room service, the phone just rang and rang.

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The Bristol has a large unheated swimming pool, but it is only suitable for adults as it's two metres deep. There's also a gym which would be lovely, but it wasn't open. I spoke to a member of staff and apparently, it's been out of order since March, and they're still waiting for an engineer to come and repair it. There used to be a small restaurant in the hotel serving local food, but that has closed, unfortunately.

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Luckily, there was plenty to do in the evenings. The little streets behind the hotel are full of restaurants and bars, where you can meet local people and there is a very popular night market where you can buy delicious snacks. If you want something more exciting, you can take a local bus or taxi to the centre of Golden Bay, about five kilometres away. Here there are lots of night clubs, discos and a casino. During the day, you can do various water sports, including fishing, snorkelling and scuba diving.

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The Bristol used to be popular with older people who liked the peace and quiet, but it seems the owners have been targeting families with young children, despite the long walk to the beach and the lack of a child-friendly pool. But generally, the children were well behaved, and most families were out all day, allowing me to relax by the pool. Although I have to admit, I only went in once!

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12 Read the blog again. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

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| 1 This was Kate's first visit to the hotel. | <u>F</u> |
| 2 The hotel is next to a beautiful beach. | <u> </u> |
| 3 The hotel was good value for money. | <u> </u> |
| 4 The service wasn't very good. | <u> </u> |
| 5 The swimming pool is designed for kids. | <u> </u> |
| 6 Kate used the gym. | <u> </u> |
| 7 Kate didn't eat at the hotel. | <u> </u> |
| 8 The Bristol is in a very touristy area. | <u> </u> |
| 9 You can buy food at the night market. | <u> </u> |
| 10 The other guests were mainly younger people. | <u> </u> |
| 11 The children made a lot of noise. | <u> </u> |