37 Holiday accommodation

A Luxury accommodation



When we go away, the last thing we want is to find that everywhere is **fully-booked**, no **vacancies** anywhere, ending up in a **miserable B and B** (or **Airbnb**), possibly **in the middle of nowhere**. Therefore, we always **book well in advance** and go for something fairly **exclusive**, **preferably** in a town. It doesn't have to be a **grand** or **impressive** building, but we do expect **luxury** and first-class service in order to **justify** the high prices these places charge. **Having said that**, high prices are no **guarantee** of high quality.

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A **B and B** (ALSO **B & B** – *abbreviations of* **bed and breakfast**; ALSO **guest house**) is like a fairly cheap hotel but it does not serve evening meals.

Airbnb is a private company in which members offer accommodation in a room, flat or house they own. This is all arranged online.

GLOSSARY

fully-booked	(of a hotel, restaurant, theatre, etc.) full; no places available	**preferably**	used to show which person or thing would be better or preferred
vacancy	a room in a hotel that is available: ***no vacancies***	**luxury**	beautiful and expensive things **luxurious** *adj*
miserable	unpleasant, making you feel unhappy	**impressive**	causing a feeling of admiration because of its size, quality, importance, etc. SYN **grand**; **impress** *v*
in the middle of nowhere	far away from other people and houses	**justify**	give or be a good reason for sth
in advance	before a particular time or event: ***book well in advance*** (= book a long time before you go)	**having said that**	used to introduce an opinion that makes what you have just said seem less strong
exclusive	expensive and reserved for special people	**guarantee**	a promise that sth will be done or that sth will happen **guarantee** *v*

1 Underline the main stress on these words.

justify vacancy luxury in advance miserable guarantee luxurious exclusive preferably fully-booked

2 Good news, bad news, or could it be either? Write *G*, *B* or *either*.

1 The meal was impressive. .....
2 The hotel was fully booked. .....
3 They gave us a guarantee a taxi would be there. .....
4 There were still vacancies at the hotel. .....
5 The B&B was in the middle of nowhere. .....
6 The weather was miserable. .....
7 This area is rather exclusive. .....
8 The room wasn't luxurious. .....

3 Complete the dialogues with a suitable word or phrase.

1 Was the breakfast good? ~ Yes, very good. ....., there wasn't a lot of choice.
2 Which floor do you want? ~ I don't mind, but ..... overlooking the garden.
3 Have you reserved a room? ~ Yes, we booked well ..... .
4 Will they refund your money? ~ Yes, they ..... that when I rang and cancelled.
5 It's very expensive. ~ I know, but they ..... that by the high quality of the rooms.
6 Are there still rooms available? ~ No, we got the last ....., so they're ..... now.
7 Was the building very grand? ~ Yes, we were ..... .
8 It's a very expensive place, isn't it? ~ Yes, but I like a bit of ..... on my holidays.

4 ABOUT YOU **Write your answers, or talk to another student.**

1 Do you book your holidays well in advance? .....
2 Do you often stay in fairly luxurious hotels? .....
3 Do you ever stay in a B&B or use Airbnb? .....
4 Do you like being in the middle of nowhere for your holiday? .....
5 Do you think high prices usually guarantee high quality in your country? .....
6 What do you look for most in holiday accommodation? .....

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B Budget accommodation

We're not **mean**, but we've generally **opted for** holidays which only require a fairly limited **budget**: occasionally in a **caravan**[1], but more often we go camping or stay in a **youth hostel**. The thing that **appeals to** me about camping is not just **expense** – it's cheap - but it also **enables** us to move around more freely, and we like that **flexibility**. And **given that** we generally **live in comfort**, I think it's good for the children to experience a type of holiday which is a bit different. When we **go away** we are quite **strict** about them not using their phones.



GLOSSARY

mean	wanting to keep money and not spend it on others OPP **generous**	**enable sb/sth to do sth**	make it possible for sb/sth to do sth
opt for sth	choose sth	**flexibility**	the ability to be changed easily **flexible** *adj* OPP **inflexible**
budget	an amount of money you are able to spend on sth	**given (that)**	when you consider sth
youth hostel	a cheap and simple place to stay, especially for young people	**comfort**	the state of having a life with everything you need, or being physically relaxed: ***live in comfort***
appeal (to sb)	be attractive or interesting to sb **appealing** *adj*	**go away**	leave home for a period of time, especially for a holiday
expense	the money that you spend on sth: ***an extra expense***	**strict**	not allowing people to break rules or behave badly

5 Complete the dialogues with a word or phrase.

1 Can you choose when you travel? ~ Yes, there's lot of _____ with dates and times.
2 It's a very expensive holiday. ~ Yes, especially _____ that he doesn't earn much.
3 My uncle is paying for my holiday. ~ Wow, that's very _____ of him.
4 Are you here this weekend? ~ No, we're _____ for a few days.
5 Are you hiring a car as well? ~ No, that's an extra _____. We'll take buses.
6 We need to stay somewhere really cheap. ~ OK, how about a _____ or a _____?
7 Some people love camping but it doesn't _____ to me personally.
8 Do you always eat together, even on holiday? ~ Yes, my parents are very _____ about that.

6 Rewrite the sentences using words from the box. Keep the meaning the same.

flexible budget opt for mean enable appealing expense comfort

1 He never wants to spend money. _____
2 If it's a cheap place, we can stay a bit longer. _____
3 We have a limited amount of money to spend. _____
4 The date can be changed easily. _____
5 We chose something quite simple. _____
6 I want to have a pleasant life and everything I need. _____
7 A room with a balcony costs more money. _____
8 A caravan doesn't interest me. _____

7 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or talk to another student.

1 Have you ever stayed in a caravan or youth hostel? If so, what were they like? _____
2 Do budget holidays appeal to you, or do you prefer to stay somewhere in comfort? _____
3 Do you have a limited budget when you go on holiday? _____
4 Do you restrict using your phone (for work) when you're on holiday? _____
5 Do you like staying in one place or the flexibility of being able to move around? _____
6 Do you remember your parents being strict with you about anything on holiday? _____

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