WOULD YOU REALLY PAY TO SLEEP THERE?

Level: A1+/A2

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Teacher's Notes

Main skills: Speaking, Reading, Vocabulary

Looking for a travel topic that gets your A1+/A2 students genuinely curious? This lesson takes them inside some of the world's most unusual hotels – from freezing rooms and treetop stays to underwater accommodation. The unusual locations give students an immediate reason to react, compare, choose and speak.

💡 Teacher Note: The activities combine vocabulary, reading and speaking in one interactive Genially lesson. Use the complete sequence or choose individual activities to match your group and lesson time.

What's Included

1. Speaking Warm-Ups: Simple hotel and travel questions that activate familiar language and introduce the topic.
2. Hotel & Travel Vocabulary: Useful language for describing accommodation, locations and travel experiences, practised in context.
3. Unusual Hotels Reading: Short texts about real unusual hotels with tasks focusing on key details and specific information.
4. Choices & Speaking: Students compare hotels, express preferences and explain where they would – or definitely wouldn't – stay.
5. Vocabulary Review: Interactive activities recycle the target language and help students use it more independently.
6. WORKSHEET - includes reading and vocabulary practice activities. Speaking activities should be supported by the visual presentation in Genially.

Lesson Plan

ACTIVITIES

LET'S TALK

Activity: Ss look at different unusual places to stay and decide if they would like to sleep there. Use the images to introduce the topic and encourage short explanations.

YOUR EXPERIENCE

Activity: Ss look at different hotel rooms and choose Yes, definitely / Maybe / No way. Ask them to explain their choices.

WHAT DO YOU NEED IN A HOTEL?

Activity: Ss choose the six hotel features that are most important to them and rank them. Compare the choices in pairs or as a class.

LET'S LEARN VOCAB

Activity: This section introduces the vocabulary used throughout the lesson. Ss work with definitions and images before moving on to contextual practice.

REVIEW IN PICTURES

Activity: Ss choose the picture which represents the given word or expression. Use it as a quick vocabulary check.

FULL CHECK 1 / FULL CHECK 2

Activity: Ss complete sentences with words from the word bank. The two activities check whether they can recognise and use the new vocabulary in context.

READING 1 – WHICH HOTEL ARE THEY ABOUT?

Activity: Ss read about five unusual hotels and match the information with the correct hotel.

READING 2 – WHO SHOULD STAY WHERE?

Activity: Ss read information about different travellers and decide which hotel would be the best match for each person.

TRUE OR FALSE

Activity: Ss decide if the statements are true or false according to the reading. Ask them to find evidence in the text.

WOULD YOU RATHER...?

Activity: Ss choose between two hotel experiences and explain their decisions. The additional question can be used to extend the discussion.

YOUR HOTEL EXPERIENCE

Activity: Ss build their perfect hotel by choosing the location, type of room, facilities, atmosphere and price. They use the prompts to describe their final choice.

NOT QUITE THE DREAM HOTEL

Activity: Ss complete a short hotel review with the missing words. The text revises vocabulary and structures practised throughout the lesson.

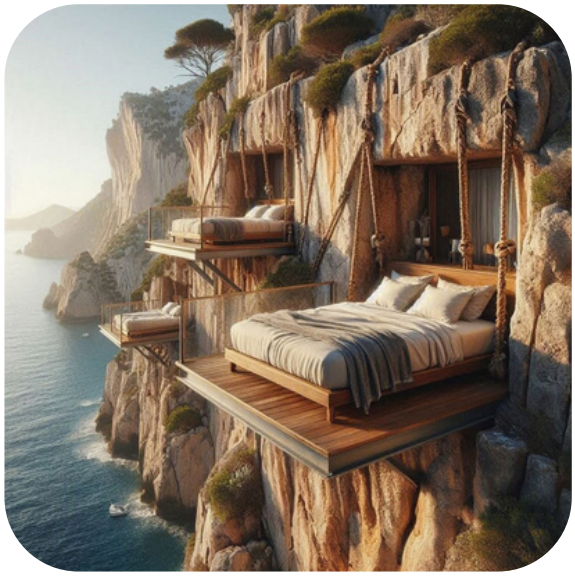
MORE PRACTICE

Activity: Extra vocabulary and language practice. There extra vocabulary activities, a bit of grammar and speaking for more practice in expressing opinions. Use it for revision, homework or fast finishers.

WOULD YOU REALLY PAY TO SLEEP THERE?

1. Introduction. Let's talk.

Look at the images. Talk about each of the choices. Would you like to stay in a hotel like this?













2. Introduction. More speaking What do you need in a hotel? Choose 5 of the ideas below and explain your choices.

comfortable bed, beautiful view, private bathroom, Wi-Fi, breakfast, quiet room, good location, low price, large room, air conditioning, swimming pool, parking

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Language support

For me, ... is important because...

I don't really need...

I'd rather have...

I prefer... because...

3. Vocabulary practice 1 - Where and what? Match the words with their definitions.

Word Bank

accommodation • below the surface • remote • shore • to be built into • to overlook

1. _____ A place to stay on holidays
2. _____ Far away from towns and other people
3. _____ The land along the edge of the sea
4. _____ Under the top level of the wate
5. _____ To have a view of something from above
6. _____ To be made as part of another structure

3. Vocabulary practice 2 - What's it like? Match the words with their definitions.

Word Bank

breathtaking • to be surrounded by • freezing • peaceful • memorable • cramped

1. _____ Extremely cold
2. _____ Quiet and relaxing
3. _____ Too small and without enough space
4. _____ Extremely beautiful
5. _____ Special and something you will remember for a long time
6. _____ To have something on every side

3. Vocabulary practice 3 - What happens there? Match the words with their definitions.

Word Bank

experience • to be converted into • to blend in with • to keep warm • to recommend • to reflect • worth paying extra for

1. _____ To stay at a comfortable temperature when it is cold
2. _____ To tell someone that something is good and they should try it
3. _____ To send back an image, light or heat from a surface
4. _____ To look similar to the things around you and not stand out
5. _____ To be changed from one thing or use into another
6. _____ To be good or special enough to spend more money on
7. _____ Something that happens to you or something you do

3. Vocabulary practice - Full check 1 Put the correct word into each sentence.

Word Bank

breathtaking • comfortable • cramped • noisy • overpriced • peaceful • private • remote • stay overnight • worth

1. The room was very small and felt _____ with two suitcases inside.
2. The hotel is very _____; the nearest town is 40 kilometres away.
3. Our room was quiet, warm and very _____.
4. €600 for such a small room seems _____.
5. We could see the mountains from our window. It was a _____ view.
6. We wanted somewhere quiet and _____ for the weekend.
7. The hotel was expensive, but it was _____ the money.
8. We had our own bathroom and terrace, so the room felt very _____.
9. The hotel was next to a busy road, so it was quite _____.
10. I'd like to _____ there.

3. Vocabulary practice 3 - Full check 2 Put the correct word into each sentence.

Word Bank

accommodation • built into • converted into • experience • recommend • reflect • shore • surrounded • worth

1. The hotel is only 100 metres from the _____, so you can easily walk to the beach.
2. The glass walls _____ the trees around the building.
3. Imagine sleeping in a room and being _____ by colourful fish on every side.
4. An old train can be _____ a small hotel.
5. At this hotel, the beds are _____ the bookshelves.
6. A treehouse hotel is definitely a type of unusual _____.
7. I would definitely _____ this hotel. We had a fantastic weekend there.
8. The room wasn't very comfortable, but that was part of the _____.
9. The hotel costs more than a normal one, but the amazing location is _____ paying extra for.

Would you sleep here?

4. Reading practice 1: Read the following statements and descriptions of the hotels and match each statement to the correct hotel.

1. This hotel gives an old type of transport a completely new purpose. _____
2. You don't have to leave your bed to see sea life. _____
3. One of the rooms almost disappears into its natural surroundings. _____
4. Normal bedding isn't enough to keep you comfortable here. _____
5. This place combines sleeping with a popular indoor hobby. _____
6. From your accommodation, you can enjoy views of both the forest and the sea. _____
7. Part of your accommodation is several metres under the water. _____
8. Guests are advised not to spend their entire visit in the coldest part of this hotel. _____
9. One room has an outdoor space that isn't easy to notice. _____
10. You shouldn't expect a lot of space in every sleeping area. _____
11. You can stay above the ground without being inside a traditional building. _____
12. You don't need to sleep in the unusual part of this hotel every night. _____
13. Wildlife is part of the experience at more than one room in this hotel. _____
14. The place where you sleep is a short distance away from the coast. _____
15. Although the accommodation is unusual, guests still have modern comforts such as air conditioning.

_____

WOULD YOU SLEEP THERE?

When we travel, most of us look for a hotel with a comfortable bed, a bathroom and perhaps a nice view. But some travellers want something very different. Around the world, there are hotels where the room itself is part of the holiday.

Ice Hotel

In northern Sweden, you can stay at ICEHOTEL. Some of its rooms are made from snow and ice, and the temperature inside is about –5°C. Guests sleep on special beds with warm sleeping bags. There are warm bathrooms, showers and saunas in another part of the hotel. The hotel recommends spending only one night in a cold room and the other nights somewhere warm.

The Manta Hotel

Would you prefer to sleep under the water? At The Manta Resort on Pemba Island, Tanzania, the Underwater Room stands in the sea about 250 metres from the shore. The building has three levels. The bedroom is four metres below the surface, with large windows around the bed. During the day, guests can watch colourful fish swim past.

Tree Hotel

Sweden also has Treehotel, where guests sleep high among the trees. One room, called the Mirrorcube, has mirrored walls that reflect the forest around it. It is designed for two people and even has a small hidden balcony. Another room, the Biosphere, is surrounded by birdhouses and has its own sauna and roof terrace.

Boeing 727

In Costa Rica, you can spend the night inside an old Boeing 727 aeroplane. The plane was changed into a two-bedroom guesthouse and placed high above the ground. Inside, there is local wood, air conditioning and private bathrooms. Outside, guests can enjoy views of the jungle and ocean.

Book & Bed

Finally, book lovers can try Book and Bed Tokyo in Japan. Here, beds are built into bookshelves. Guests can read, relax and then sleep surrounded by books. The rooms are simple and some are quite small, but that is part of the experience. These hotels certainly aren't ordinary. But there is one important question: Is an unusual room really worth paying extra for?

Who should stay there?

4. Reading practice 2: Read the text again and decide who should stay in each place.

1. I hate small spaces. Which hotel should I avoid? Why?
2. I want the best view from my bed. Which should I choose?
3. I want something unusual, but I'm afraid of the sea. Where should I stay?
4. I want an experience I can tell my friends about. Which would you recommend?
5. I want somewhere comfortable, not just unusual. Which would you choose?
6. Marta loves reading and wants to stay in a city.
7. Tom loves fish and the sea.
8. Anna loves winter and doesn't mind being cold.
9. Mark loves forests but wants something modern and unusual.
10. Kate loves aeroplanes and tropical places.

4. Reading practice 3: Do you know what's true? Read the text again and find the evidence in the text.

1. ICEHOTEL's cold rooms are around –5°C.
2. Guests don't need any special warm equipment.
3. The Mirrorcube is designed for two people.
4. The Manta underwater bedroom is on the beach.
5. Guests at Manta can watch sea life from bed.
6. The Costa Verde plane is still used for flights.
7. The aeroplane hotel has two bedrooms.
8. Book and Bed Tokyo has beds inside bookshelves.
9. All the unusual hotels are in Europe.
10. All five hotels offer the same kind of experience.

5. Vocabulary practice 1

THREE DAYS AWAY FROM EVERYTHING

accommodation • below • blend • breathtaking • freezing • keep • memorable • overlooked • peaceful • remote • shore • surrounded

Complete the blog post with words and phrases from the box.

Last summer, my sister and I decided to try a completely different kind of (1) _____. Instead of booking a normal hotel in a busy resort, we chose a small eco-hotel in a (2) _____ part of Norway.

Getting there wasn't easy. After a long train journey, we had to take a small boat across a lake. The hotel stood close to the (3) _____, with nothing nearby except mountains, water and forest. It was incredibly (4) _____ — we could hardly hear anything apart from birds and the wind in the trees.

Our cabin was (5) _____ by tall pine trees and had huge windows that (6) _____ the lake. The building was made mainly of wood and stone, so it seemed to (7) _____ in with the landscape perfectly. The view was absolutely (8) _____, especially early in the morning when there was mist over the water.

The biggest surprise came on our second day. We went swimming in the lake, but the water was (9) _____! We lasted about two minutes before running back to the cabin to (10) _____ warm.

Later, we took a boat trip and could see rocks and plants just (11) _____ the surface.

It wasn't the easiest place to reach, but it was certainly one of the most (12) _____ trips I've ever had.

5. Vocabulary practice 2

NOT QUITE THE DREAM HOTEL

Last month, I stayed at the Cliff House for three nights. The hotel is built into the side of a mountain and the rooms overlook the sea. The photos online looked amazing, 1. _____ I decided to book a room.

The hotel is in a very remote area. There are no shops or restaurants nearby, 2. _____ you need a car to get around. The location is very peaceful, and the views are breathtaking. However, my room was much smaller 3. _____ I expected. It was quite cramped, and there wasn't much space around the bed. There was a small desk, but there wasn't anywhere 4. _____ put my suitcase. The restaurant was another problem. The food was good, 5. _____ it was very overpriced. I paid € 18 6. _____ a sandwich and € 7 for a bottle of water. The room was also very cold at night. There were extra blankets to keep warm, but I still slept in my jumper. I asked the receptionist 7. _____ another blanket, and luckily she brought one to my room.

The staff were friendly, and I would recommend the area to people who love nature. However, I don't think the hotel is worth paying for. If it 8. _____ cheaper, I would probably stay there again.

I'm happy I tried something different, 9. _____ next time I'd rather choose a more comfortable hotel. I usually 10. _____ mind small rooms, but this one was really cramped.

Extra Practice

Words in Context 1

Word Bank

below • blend in • breathtaking • cramped • freezing • keep • memorable • overlook • peaceful • remote

1. The cabin is far from the nearest town, so it feels very _____.
2. It was absolutely _____ outside, so we didn't want to leave the hotel.
3. We wore thick clothes and used extra blankets to _____ warm during the night.
4. The room was so _____ that there wasn't enough space to open both suitcases.
5. There were no cars, crowds or loud music. It was incredibly _____.
6. Our balcony had a _____ view of the mountains and lake.
7. The hotel rooms _____ the ocean, so every guest can see the water.
8. The bedroom is actually three metres _____ the surface, so you can watch fish from your bed.
9. The cabin has mirrored walls which help it _____ with the forest around it.
10. Sleeping under the ocean was a really _____ experience. I'll probably talk about it for years.

Words in Context 2

Word Bank

accommodation • built into • converted into • experience • recommend • reflect • shore • surrounded • worth paying extra for

1. Our hotel was only a short walk from the _____, so we went swimming every morning.
2. The glass walls _____ the trees, so from a distance the building is difficult to see.
3. At this forest hotel, you can wake up and be _____ by trees and birds.
4. The old railway station is going to be _____ a small hotel.
5. In this unusual hostel, some of the beds are _____ the bookshelves.
6. If you're tired of normal hotels, a treehouse is an interesting type of _____.
7. We had such a good time that I'd definitely _____ this hotel to my friends.
8. The ice room wasn't particularly comfortable, but being cold was part of the _____.
9. A normal room costs £120, but the one with the spectacular ocean view costs £150. For me, the view is _____.

Extra Practice

Grammar check 1

because • but • if • like • rather • so • would

HOTEL PREFERENCES – PART 1

Complete the sentences using the words from the word bank.

1. I'd _____ to stay in the underwater hotel.
2. I'd _____ stay in a treehouse than an ice hotel.
3. I'd stay there _____ it was cheaper.
4. I wouldn't stay there _____ it looks too cramped.
5. The hotel looks amazing, _____ £500 is too expensive.
6. It's very remote, _____ I'd take a friend with me.
7. I _____ spend one night at ICEHOTEL.

Grammar check 2

because • but • if • like • prefer • rather • so

HOTEL PREFERENCES – PART 2

Complete the sentences using the words from the word bank.

1. I'd _____ stay somewhere peaceful.
2. I'd choose Manta Resort _____ I love the sea.
3. I'd stay at Book and Bed Tokyo _____ the room was bigger.
4. I'd _____ the airplane hotel to a normal hotel.
5. I'd _____ to try the treehouse hotel for a weekend.
6. The ice hotel looks interesting, _____ I really hate cold weather.
7. The underwater room is expensive, _____ I'd need to save some money first.

Answer Key

Vocabulary practice 1

1. accommodation 2. remote 3. shore 4. below the surface 5. to overlook 6. to be built into

Vocabulary practice 2

1. freezing 2. peaceful 3. cramped 4. breathtaking 5. memorable 6. to be surrounded by

Vocabulary practice 3

1. to keep warm 2. to recommend 3. to reflect 4. to blend in with 5. to be converted into 6. worth paying extra for 7. experience

Full check 1

1. cramped 2. remote 3. comfortable 4. overpriced 5. breathtaking 6. peaceful 7. worth 8. private 9. noisy 10. stay overnight

Full check 2

1. shore 2. reflected 3. surrounded 4. converted into 5. built into 6. accommodation 7. recommend 8. experience 9. worth

Reading practice 1

1. Boeing 727
2. The Manta Hotel
3. TreeHotel
4. Ice Hotel
5. Book & Bed
6. Boeing 727
7. The Manta Hotel
8. Ice Hotel
9. Tree Hotel
10. Book & Bed
11. Boeing 727
12. Ice Hotel
13. Tree Hotel
14. The Manta Hotel
15. Boeing 727

Reading practice 3

1. T
2. F
3. T
4. F
5. T
6. F
7. T
8. T
9. F
10. F

Vocabulary Practice - Three Days Away....

1 accommodation
2 remote
3 shore
4 peaceful
5 surrounded by
6 overlooked
7 blend in with
8 breathtaking
9 freezing
10 keep warm
11 below the surface
12 memorable

Vocabulary Practice - NOT QUITE THE DREAM HOTEL

1. so
2. so
3. than
4. to
5. but
6. for
7. for
8. was
9. but
10. don't

Words in Context 1

1. remote 2. freezing 3. keep 4. cramped 5. peaceful 6. breathtaking 7. overlook 8. below 9. blend in 10. memorable

Words in Context 2

1. shore 2. reflect 3. surrounded 4. converted into 5. built into 6. accommodation 7. recommend 8. experience 9. worth paying extra for

Grammar check 1

1. like, 2. rather, 3. if, 4. because, 5. but, 6. so, 7. would

Grammar check 2

1. rather, 2. because, 3. if, 4. prefer, 5. like, 6. but, 7. so

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