

Lesson 4: Does it have a view?

Lesson Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- ✓ Giving information about types of accommodation
- ✓ Describing various facilities & amenities in an accommodation

Accomodation Types



There are a lot of accommodation types when we go on a vacation. What is your most preferable one? In a **hotel**? In an **apartment**? Staying at **Bed and Breakfast (BnB)**? Or maybe at a **resort**?

To choose which accommodation to stay in, you may determine first what you are looking for. For example, if you are looking for a bigger place to yourself without any staff around, you may rent **an apartment**. If you would like to stay in a room with full amenities and services, you could stay in a hotel room.

Read the following passage about various types of accommodation. While reading, look for the definitions of the words printed in **bold**. Use your dictionary whenever necessary.

Reading Text

Nowadays, the choice of tourist accommodation to suit your taste, budget and destination is endless. At the high end of the market there are **hotels**, offering rooms and meals. **Motels** are similar, except they are for motorists. So they are generally on major roads and always provide parking, but not always meals. **B&Bs, or guesthouses**, differ from hotels as they are usually small, less expensive, owner-occupied, family-run businesses without staff on call 24/7. Alternatively, **holiday villages** are popular with families (a group of friends) who may be travelling on a budget. They offer a choice of self-catering accommodation from small **wooden cabins** or **chalets** to **studio apartments** to large holiday **villas**, all in modern **resorts** with many leisure and recreational services available on site.

Private holiday rental offers a wide variety of accommodation. Then there are timeshares, where several people own accommodation they can use at specific periods each year. To avoid getting bored with same destination, how about doing a **house swap**, where people holiday in each others' houses?

Hostels provide a low-cost, self-catering alternative to hotels, and appeal to young travellers, as the shared dormitories make it easy to meet people. Increasingly, universities offer **campus accommodation** in students' halls of residence during the holidays. This is the type of accommodation you often find on study holidays, but it can also be a cheap and sociable way to take a city break.

If you're looking for an adventure on a budget, **campsites** are perfect. You can take your own **tent** or even stay in a tradition round **Mongolian yurt** or a tall **Native American tepee**. For more comfort, there are also **caravans** and **campervans**, which enable you to enjoy a holiday on the move. Finally, if you like to combine transport and accommodation, why not try a **barge**, a long flat boat which travels on rivers and canals, or a **yacht** if you prefer a sea.

So, which one would you choose for your next holiday?

Let's name these accommodations according to the text above!



Exercise

Fill in the blanks with the words / phrases given in the box below!

valet	double room	hotel guest	front desk
room service	book a room	connecting room	balcony
reservation	late charge		

1. My wife and I will be traveling together, so we don't want a single room. We need a _____.
2. The _____ next to our room was too noisy. I couldn't get much sleep.
3. I don't know what time the hotel restaurant is open. I'll call the _____ and ask them.
4. Let's ask the _____ to clean our room.
5. You can save money if you use the Internet to _____.
6. I asked a hotel room with a _____. So, in the morning I could drink and enjoy the view on it.
7. If you want a _____ to park your car, please leave your car key here.
8. The guests said that they have made a _____ but I can't find their data in the computer.
9. The guests who check out after 1 pm have to pay a _____
10. In order to make easy for me to communicate with my parents, we booked two rooms with a _____.