Vacancies

Arrenge the words below into two groups.

rent = alugar
tent = barraca

Match.

1. homestay (**B**) A type of accommodation that offers you a room and breakfast.
2. budget transfer (**E**) A type of accommodation where you rent a person's house or apartment for a few days.
3. bunk bed (**D**) A kitchen where different people can use to cook, especially in a hostel.
4. B&B (**C**) Two beds, one placed on top of the other.
5. communal kitchen (**A**) A person traveling without a lot of money.

- Low - rate acommodations

Camping Hostel Homestay

B&B (bed and breakfast)

Air B&B
RV - recriational vehicle

- Right - rate acommodations-

Five star hotel

Resort

LET'S TALK

What do you know about each type of accomodation?

What kinds of acommodations would you rather stay in?

In your opinion, which is the best type of acommodation? Which is the worst?

Listen to the conversation between Kevin and his sister Megan. Then mark the correct sentences.

- ✓ Kevin doesn't like the idea of staying at a hostel at first.
- ✓ Kevin prefers having his own space and privacy.
- ✓ Megan is excited about meeting travelers from other countries.
- ✗ They are worried about spending too much money on accommodation.
- ( ) They decide to book a hotel instead of a hostel.

Based on your general knowledge, circle the items you can usually find at a hostel.

room service
private bathroom
bunk beds
swimming pool
shared kitchen
lockers for valuables
communal lounge
bellboy service

Now listen to Megan and check your answers.

Megan: Kevin, come here! I think I found the perfect place for us in Mexico City!
Kevin: Wow, that looks cool.
Megan: Actually, it's a hostel. Look at the pictures!
Kevin: Hostel? Ugh, I don't like the idea of sharing bathrooms with strangers.
Megan: Oh, stop complaining. Think about all the cool people we could meet! Travelers from all over the world. Imagine the stories we'll hear. It's not just a place to sleep.
Megan: We'll have our own beds. And think about our budget—hostels are way cheaper than hotels. We can save money for other things, like food and tours.
Kevin: Fine, fine. But what if I don't like it? What if it's—
Megan: Exactly! And this place has great reviews. Free breakfast, a communal kitchen, and they organize group activities.
Kevin: Group activities? Like what?
Megan: Movie nights, karaoke, and sometimes even barbecues on the rooftop.
Kevin: Okay, okay. You convinced me. Let's book it.
Megan: Great! I'll do it right now.

dorm = dormitório
fridge = geladeira
stove = fogão
dining area = área de jantar

Megan: Done! And guess what? The room has two bunk beds, but we're in a four-person dorm. So we'll share the room with other people. There are lockers for our things, and the kitchen looks amazing.
Kevin: Wait, what? Sharing a room?
Megan: Yes! There's a fridge, a stove, and even a little dining area. We can save even more money by cooking our own meals.
Kevin: Okay, I think I'm settling... this actually sounds pretty good.
Megan: Told you! Now let's start packing!

Check Here

money = grana
complain = reclamar
rooftop = terraço
meetings = colaborar
book it = reservar

Vocabulary

Match

Would you travel with budget travelers?
Would you book a flight in a company with a bad reputation?

How early in advance do you book a flight?
What kinds of personal items you never forget in a trip?

Why do young people like hostels?
Do you think that budget travelers have more freedom than VIP travelers?

a) budget
b) to book a
c) youth
d) communal
e) personal

(**C**) hostels
(**D**) facilities Instalações / cômodos
(**E**) items
(**B**) flight
(**A**) travelers

Make 2 questions to ask your classmates.

I'm convinced that in one or two months in advance because they can party there.

When you are sure about something, you can express your opinion by using these expressions:

sem dúvidas...
- Without a doubt...
- I honestly feel that...
- I'm convinced that...
- I'm positive that...

What is important to consider when choosing an accommodation?

(**1**) location
(**5**) comfort
(**6**) safety
( ) parking
( ) _____

(**4**) entertainment
( ) price
(**3**) time of the year
( ) reviews

There is a type of accommodation called homestay. It's a network of people that rent their rooms, apartments or houses while they are not home. In your opinion, what are the pros and cons if you are an owner?

Pros
(**X**) make money
(**X**) meet people
( ) learn to share your things

Cons
( ) be robbed
(**X**) broken things
( ) neighbor complaints

NOTE When we want to give advice or make a recommendation, we use **should / had better**.

should / had better
Conselho

You **should** see a doctor.

Should we tell the truth? Yes, we **should**.

People **shouldn't** be rude with one another.

It's going to rain. We **had better** get home.

Had you **better** study before taking a test? Of course **I'd better** study.

If you don't like sharing rooms, you'd **better not** stay at a hotel.
you'd = you had

NOTE *Ought to* can substitute should in informal speeches, but it isn't used in questions or negative form.

You look tired. You ought to rest a little.
People ought to research different accommodations before choosing where to stay.

Complete the questions with should or had better then ask a classmate three of them.

1 - I don't have money to travel. What __Should__ I do? you should work more. You should save more money.
2 - The desk clerk at the hotel wasn't politic. What __had__ I __better__ do? you'd better talk (complain) to the manager
3 - My hotel room was dirty. Who __Should__ I complain to? to the hotel manager / to the room service
4 - My friends and I don't want to stay at a hostel, but we don't have enough money either. Where __had__ we __better__ stay? you had better stay in a camp. / other lambem
5 - I'm going to stay at a resort. How much money __should__ I take? You shouldn't take a lot money.

What should you do? Read and decide what you'd better do in these situations.

You and your friends arrived at the hotel and you find out the reservation was not made and there are no more vacancies. It's a holiday and the city is crowded.

You are at a party and your friends start to plan a weekend trip to the beach. You don't have any money to go with them. The thing is, your crush is going and it's going to be a great opportunity to get closer to him/her.

Your dad rented an RV for the family vacation. He wants to spend time with the family on the road. You don't want to go because you know there will be embarrassing moments. Plus, you get car sick.

suggestions

- Say you'll go but on the day say you're sick
- Argue with the desk clerk
- Say you have an important test to study for
- Ask your parents for money
- Go *along* but tell them you won't have fun
- Ask to speak to the manager
- _____

Listen to these three situations and mark the advice that corresponds to each.

(**B**) I think you'd better research some homestay sites and talk to people who already do that.

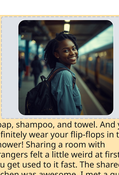
(**1**) Personally, I think you should tell your friend the truth. You're not going to stay in a cheaper hotel and that he or she should save more money.

(**2**) You'd better not get involved. Tell her to talk directly to him.

A traveler's testimony

My hostel experience

by Emma Watson



A lot of people have a bad idea of hostels, but my experience was nothing like that. I decided to stay at one during my trip to **Thailand** because I was traveling on a budget and wanted to visit more than one city.
My first impression of the place was really good. It was simple, but clean and nice. All the rooms were named after **animals** – a bit unusual, but way more fun than numbers. I stayed in a basic but cozy room with three bunk beds, a table, and a few chairs. The cool part? Each bed had its own reading light and USB plug – super practical for charging your phone. The bathrooms... okay, that was different. They were outside the room, and you had to bring your own soap, shampoo, and towel. And yes, definitely wear your flip-flops in the shower! Sharing a room with strangers felt a little weird at first, but you get used to it fast. The shared kitchen was awesome. I met a guy from **Australia** – a chef, and really nice! – and he invited me to try his pasta. SO GOOD!
The best part? The rooftop party. All the guests were invited, and we had an amazing time. That's something you definitely don't get at a B&B.
I totally recommend staying at hostels. Your money will buy you more than just a place to sleep.

A. Choose the correct alternatives.

What is the main purpose of the text?
( ) To give information about a hostel. ✓ To share an experience.

What was the author's first impression when entering the hostel?
( ) negative ✓ positive

What didn't she like at the hostel?
( ) The names of the rooms. ✓ The bathroom.

In the second column, what word can replace *best part*?
( ) suspicious ✓ most excellent

What does the author mean by saying "your money will buy you more than just a place to sleep"?
( ) That you will get more than just accommodations
( ) That you can buy more things at a hostel than at a B&B.