

In a hotel

In this Pre-intermediate [Vocabulary](#) Lesson about Hotels, you will learn the different types of rooms and accommodations available, what amenities and services you can expect, and useful verb phrases to use at a hotel. Check the pictures and read the definitions and examples below.



Types of rooms and accommodation

1 A **single room** is a room with a single bed, which is a bed designed for one person, and 2 a **double room** is a room with a double bed, which is designed for two people. 3 A **twin room** is also designed for two people, but instead of having one double bed, it has two single ones.

- I stayed in a **single room** with just a narrow bed and a desk in it.
- Lucy and Fred booked a **double room** with a huge bed in the middle of it.
- The children slept in a **twin room** right next to their parents' room.

If you are staying in a hotel by the beach, you can ask for a room with a **sea view**, which means that you can see the sea from your room.

- *I stayed in a big room with a **sea view**.*

If you stay at a hotel and have 5 **half board**, your breakfast and one meal, usually the evening meal, are included in the price. If you choose the 6 **full board** option, it means that all your meals are included in the price.

- *We only booked **half board** because we wanted to try different places to eat.*
- *As we'd booked **full board**, we ate all our meals in the hotel restaurant.*

Places and services in a hotel

7 The **reception desk** (UK) or the **front desk** (US) is the desk where you go when you arrive at the hotel and where you can ask questions if you need any assistance. Most hotels have someone working at the **reception desk** 24 hours a day.

- *I waited at the **reception desk** to ask for some information.*

8 When a hotel has **room service**, you can order food and drinks, and they bring them to your room.

- *It was too cold to go outside, so I called **room service** and ordered a sandwich.*

9 **Housekeeping** is a service that includes cleaning rooms and changing the sheets and towels. Most hotels have **housekeeping** services, which means that rooms are cleaned every day.

- *The **housekeeping service** was excellent, and the rooms were cleaned each day.*

10 A **spa** is a feature that you find in more luxurious hotels. Spas often feature a pool and a sauna and may offer various beauty procedures, such as massages and skin treatments.

- *I spent an hour in the **spa** getting a relaxing massage.*

11 A **conference room** is a large room with lots of chairs designed for conferences. Many businesses rent out **conference rooms** when they hold large meetings.

- *The company had booked the **conference room** for their three-day national conference.*

12 When a room includes **internet access**, it means that there is Wi-Fi in the room. If **internet access** is not included in the price of the room, guests usually have to pay extra to connect to the internet.

- *I need a room with **internet access**, so that I can work and have video calls.*

13 A **laundry service** is a service in which the hotel washes guests' clothes. Guests usually put the clothes that need washing in a bag, and then the hotel staff return them cleaned later that day.

- *I used the **laundry service** to have my shirt cleaned.*

14 Many hotels have **parking facilities** where staff and guests can park their cars.

- *Unless the hotel has **parking facilities**, we won't be able to take the car.*

15 If you ask for a **wake-up call**, you ask the hotel staff to wake you up at a certain time the next morning. Guests are usually woken up by a phone call to the phone next to their bed.

- *Tom requested a **wake-up call** for 7 am the next day.*

Verb Phrases

16 To **book** a room means to **reserve** a room that you wish to stay in at a later date. People often book their rooms online these days, but you can also do so over the phone.

- *I **booked** the room online as soon as I'd finished booking our flights.*

17 When you **check in** at a hotel, you give your name and show your passport at the reception desk, and they give you the key to your room. 18 When you **check out**, you return your room key and 19 **pay the bill** for your stay before leaving at the end of your stay.

- *As soon as we arrived, we **checked in** at the reception desk.*
- *We were told we would have to **check out** of the hotel by 11:30 at the latest.*
- *I **paid the bill** at the reception desk before leaving the hotel.*

20 If you **request** something, you ask for it politely. Guests may call the reception desk to **request** room service if they are hungry or a wake-up call if they need to be woken up the next day.

- *Peter was feeling hungry, so he called the reception desk to **request** room service.*
- *Joe **requested** a wake-up call because the alarm on his phone was broken.*

Flashcards

After completing the exercises in this lesson on TOPIC, you can use the unit's [Vocabulary Flashcards](#) to revise and help you memorize the terms.

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Hotels and accommodation

In this B1 Intermediate Vocabulary Lesson, you will learn about various types of accommodations, the terminology used to describe their features, and the adjectives commonly used in reviews to detail experiences in hotels and other lodging options. Check the pictures and read the descriptions below to improve your vocabulary related to travel and accommodation.

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