

Your time, your space!

READING A unique place to rest your head

Read the text about unusual types of accommodation. First decide whether the statements (1–8) are true (T) or false (F) and put a cross (☒) in the correct box. Then identify the sentence in the text which supports your decision. Write the first four words of this sentence in the space provided. There may be more than one correct answer; write down only one. The first one (0) has been done for you.

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Many people choose to stay in a hotel or bed-and-breakfast when they are on holiday, but did you know there are all sorts of weird and wonderful places around the world to spend the night? If you don't mind trying something less conventional, then perhaps one of these ideas would suit you.

For the unusual experience of sleeping on a bed of ice, try the Ice Hotel in the north of Sweden. The hotel is situated in the countryside near the small village of Jukkasjärvi. However, it isn't possible to stay there all-year-round as the hotel is built each winter and in the spring it melts away. From December to April you can opt for a bedroom which features a bed and chairs made of ice and drink from ice glasses, though there are also 'warm' rooms available in the hotel. Wander around the hotel at your leisure and admire the sculptures carved from blocks of ice by artists from around the world.

For holidays in warmer surroundings, you can stay in one of the renovated windmills which are available to rent in Greece. Windmills are a famous landmark on the Greek islands, and such conversions offer a unique opportunity to experience these distinctive structures first-hand. On the island of Santorini you can rent a converted windmill which has a bedroom complete with all the mod cons, as well as the basic necessities such as bedside tables and cupboards. There is a bathroom with a shower and a kitchen equipped with a fridge, microwave and coffee maker. Towels and bedclothes are provided, and there's even a washing machine if you're planning on staying longer. You can admire the view of the surrounding countryside from the balcony on the second floor.

If you don't suffer from claustrophobia, you could stay in a capsule room in Tokyo, Japan, where you can sleep in a tiny space just big enough for a bed. The capsules are packed tightly together and stacked two high. This type of accommodation is ideal if you don't need the facilities usually provided by conventional hotels. The capsules are cheap and, whilst you are generally not allowed to eat and drink in them, some capsule hotels have restaurants, or you can buy food and drink from a vending machine. As there is little room inside, you store your luggage in a locker, and bathrooms are communal.



Finally, if you enjoy spending time in the great outdoors, why not rent a horse-drawn caravan in Ireland and take to the open roads, strolling at the speed of one horse power? These traditional caravans, which are often decorated with intricate designs, are fully equipped with cooking facilities, cutlery and bed linen. The fixtures and fittings have to be compact in order to take up as little room as possible and still be light enough for the horse to pull. The caravans feature cleverly designed cupboards for storing your belongings. Just make sure you take along an apple for your horse!

	Statements	T	F	First four words
0	You can stay at the Ice Hotel anytime.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	However, it isn't possible
1	At the Ice Hotel all rooms have beds made of ice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Windmills are a well-known feature of the Greek landscape.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	The windmills are simply and sparsely furnished.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Japanese capsule rooms could suit those who don't mind small places.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Capsule rooms don't have all the features of an average hotel room.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	You can travel quickly from place to place with a horse-drawn caravan.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	A horse-drawn caravan is too heavy for only one horse to pull.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8	There is room for your possessions in a horse-drawn caravan.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



Answer key

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- 1 False (From December to April)
- 2 True (Windmills are a famous)
- 3 False (On the island of)
- 4 True (If you don't suffer)
- 5 True (This type of accommodation)
- 6 False (Finally, if you enjoy)
- 7 False (Finally, if you enjoy / The fixtures and fittings)
- 8 True (They feature cleverly designed)