

Hidden camera in hotel room films family

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A family from New Zealand had a shock when they stayed at a hotel in Ireland. There was a hidden camera in their hotel room. The camera was live-streaming their actions over the Internet to the world. The father in

the family was an IT security consultant. He was an expert on wifi networks. When he was in his room, he scanned the wifi network at the hotel. He noticed there was one device called "IP camera". This device did not belong to him or his wife, so he became suspicious. He was able to find the live-stream from the camera on the hotel's network. He said: "I could see the live-stream video of myself looking at my phone. I had this horrible, sinking feeling that we were being watched."

The man finally found the camera hidden in a smoke detector in the ceiling of his hotel room. He immediately contacted the company Airbnb to complain. He said Airbnb did not give him any advice about what to do. He said Airbnb did not seem to think the hidden camera was a problem. Airbnb later said they had made a mistake and apologized to the man and his family. It said: "The safety and privacy of our community is our priority. We strictly prohibit hidden cameras in hotels." Hidden cameras in hotel rooms are becoming a problem around the world. Last year, two South Korean men were arrested for secretly filming 1,600 guests in "love hotels". These are where couples go for a "romantic" time.

Sources: nbcnews.com / scmp.com / nzherald.co.nz

Writing

What are the advantages and disadvantages of hidden cameras?

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

family / shock / streaming / security / network / device / suspicious / phone / video / smoke detector / company / advice / problem / community / privacy / filming / romantic

True / False

- a) A family from New Zealand got an electric shock at a hotel. T / F
- b) The father in the family worked as a hotel chef. T / F
- c) The father became suspicious of an unknown device in a wifi network. T / F
- d) The father said he was sinking into lots of mud. T / F
- e) The camera was hidden inside a smoke detector. T / F
- f) The hotel company said the hidden camera wasn't a problem. T / F
- g) The hotel company apologized to the man and his family. T / F
- h) Last year, 1,600 people secretly filmed two Korean men. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. shock | a. specialist |
| 2. hidden | b. ban |
| 3. expert | c. terrible |
| 4. noticed | d. straight away |
| 5. horrible | e. concealed |
| 6. finally | f. said sorry |
| 7. immediately | g. surprise |
| 8. apologized | h. eventually |
| 9. prohibit | i. lovers |
| 10. couples | j. saw |

Discussion – Student A

- a) When was the last time you had a shock?
- b) What do you think of hotels?
- c) What's the best hotel you've ever stayed at?
- d) Do you ever worry about hidden cameras watching you?
- e) What would you do if you found a live-stream of yourself?
- f) Is there too much technology in our life?
- g) Why do you think the hotel had a hidden camera?
- h) How do you feel about being watched in towns and cities?

Phrase Match

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| 1. The camera was live- | a. feeling |
| 2. there was one device called | b. filming 1,600 guests |
| 3. This device did not belong to him | c. in a smoke detector |
| 4. he became | d. of our community |
| 5. I had this horrible, sinking | e. or his wife |
| 6. found the camera hidden | f. the company Airbnb |
| 7. He immediately contacted | g. streaming their actions |
| 8. The safety and privacy | h. hidden cameras |
| 9. We strictly prohibit | i. suspicious |
| 10. men were arrested for secretly | j. "IP camera" |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Have you ever wanted to use a hidden camera?
- What do you know about the company Airbnb?
- What should the company do to compensate the family?
- How can we deal with the problem of hidden cameras?
- What do you use cameras for?
- What advice do you have for people staying in hotels?
- What questions would you like to ask the father?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. h	7. d	8. f	9. b	10. i

Role Play

Role A – Smartphone Cameras

You think smartphone cameras are the best cameras. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their cameras. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these of these (and why): webcams, movie cameras or underwater cameras.

Role B – Webcams

You think webcams are the best cameras. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their cameras. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these of these (and why): smartphone cameras, movie cameras or underwater cameras.

Role C – Movie Cameras

You think movie cameras are the best cameras. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their cameras. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these of these (and why): webcams, smartphone cameras or underwater cameras.

Role D – Underwater Cameras

You think underwater cameras are the best cameras. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their cameras. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these of these (and why): webcams, movie cameras or smartphone cameras.

Speaking – Cameras

Rank these with your partner. Put the best cameras at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • underwater camera | • smartphone cameras |
| • traffic camera | • movie cameras |
| • night-vision camera | • CCTV cameras |
| • webcam | • Polaroid cameras |

Answers – True False

a	F	b	F	c	T	d	F	e	T	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.