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**Level 6 – 15th November, 2020**

**Maldives resort offers \$30K 'all-you-can-stay' holiday**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

We all love and have enjoyed an all-you-can-eat buffet, but how many of us have had an "all-you-can-stay" holiday? It sounds too good to be true, but a hotel company in the Maldives is offering guests a once-in-a-lifetime vacation. The luxury Anantara Veli resort has a special package that includes unlimited use of its property for the whole of 2021. Customers will get the use of a two-person bungalow that is perched above the crystal-clear blue waters of the Indian Ocean. The resort is also throwing in airport transfers, 365 breakfasts, discounts on spa treatments, cooking lessons on Maldivian cuisine, and scuba diving. However, all this comes at a hefty cost of \$30,000.

The Maldives is a tiny archipelago nation in the Indian Ocean, about 700km from the southern tip of India. It has developed into a luxurious, high-end destination. It is famed for its pristine beaches, palm trees and five-star hospitality. The quality of its marine life has put it on the bucket list of adventure-seeking scuba divers. Many of its resorts are on private islands and atolls, making it a perfect choice for holidaymakers who seek seclusion and privacy in paradise. The Maldives is highly dependent on international tourism and has struggled during the coronavirus pandemic. A tourism spokesperson said the \$30,000 package is good value and cheaper than staying in an average hotel for a year.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. RESORTS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about resorts. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

love / buffet / all-you-can-eat / hotel / vacation / package / property / ocean / cuisine  
archipelago / tip / luxurious / pristine / bucket list / atoll / tourism / pandemic / year

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. RESORT:** Students A **strongly** believe resorts are better than hotels; Students B **strongly** believe hotels are better. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION:** `` ` what are the pros and cons of these? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
Luxury resort		
Capsule hotel		
Tent		
Caravan (Camper van)		
Igloo		
Cruise ship		

**5. TRUE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "true". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. ALL-YOU-CAN:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- all-you-can-eat buffet
- all-you-can-drink bar
- all-you-can-stay hotel
- all-you-can-watch cinema
- all-you-can-study English
- all-you-can-play games
- all-you-can-use gym
- all-you-can-hire taxi

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. buffet      | a. Including something, typically at no extra cost, with something that is being sold or offered.             |
| 2. package     | b. A building or buildings and the land belonging to it or them.  |
| 3. property    | c. A set of proposals or terms offered or agreed as a whole (e.g. a holiday, an employment deal).             |
| 4. perched     | d. Of a number or amount that is impressively large.  |
| 5. throwing in | e. A meal consisting of several dishes from which guests serve themselves.                                    |
| 6. cuisine     | f. Of a building that is situated above or on the edge of something.  |
| 7. hefty       | g. A style or method of cooking, especially as characteristic of a particular country, region, or restaurant. |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 8. archipelago | h. In its original condition; unspoiled.                                      |
| 9. tip         | i. The state of being private and away from other people.                     |
| 10. high-end   | j. A chain of islands made of coral.  |
| 11. pristine   | k. The top, bottom or extreme edge of a country, island or piece of land.     |
| 12. atoll      | l. Requiring someone or something for financial, emotional, or other support. |
| 13. seclusion  | m. A group of islands.  |
| 14. dependent  | n. About the most expensive of a range of products.                           |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article said a hotel in the Maldives had an all-you-can-eat buffet. **T / F**
- b. The article said guests can only stay at the hotel once in a lifetime. **T / F**
- c. The hotel offer includes a free breakfast every day. **T / F**
- d. People who stay at the hotel can get a discount on cooking lessons. **T / F**
- e. The Maldives is about 450km from India. **T / F**
- f. Scuba divers in the Maldives must take a bucket with them. **T / F**
- g. The article said the Maldives could get by without tourism. **T / F**
- h. A tourism spokesperson said the \$30,000 price was good value. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>love</b>        | a. situated     |
| 2. <b>sounds</b>      | b. deal         |
| 3. <b>luxury</b>      | c. massive      |
| 4. <b>perched</b>     | d. appears      |
| 5. <b>hefty</b>       | e. extremity    |
| 6. <b>archipelago</b> | f. immaculate   |
| 7. <b>tip</b>         | g. adore        |
| 8. <b>pristine</b>    | h. isolation    |
| 9. <b>seclusion</b>   | i. opulent      |
| 10. <b>package</b>    | j. island chain |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. We all love and have enjoyed an all-      | a. atolls                   |
| 2. offering guests a once-in-a-              | b. in airport transfers     |
| 3. a special package that includes unlimited | c. cost of \$30,000         |
| 4. The resort is also throwing               | d. pandemic                 |
| 5. However, all this comes at a hefty        | e. you-can-eat buffet       |
| 6. The Maldives is a tiny archipelago        | f. high-end destination     |
| 7. It has developed into a luxurious,        | g. on international tourism |
| 8. private islands and                       | h. lifetime vacation        |
| 9. The Maldives is highly dependent          | i. nation                   |
| 10. during the coronavirus                   | j. use of its property      |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

We all love and have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ an all-you-can-eat buffet, but how many of us have had an "all-you-can-stay" holiday? It (2) \_\_\_\_\_ too good to be true, but a hotel company in the Maldives is offering guests a once-in-a- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ vacation. The luxury Anantara Veli resort has a special package that includes unlimited use of its (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for the whole of 2021. Customers will get the use of a two-person bungalow that is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ above the crystal-clear blue waters of the Indian Ocean. The resort is also throwing in airport transfers, 365 breakfasts, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ on spa treatments, cooking lessons on Maldivian (7) \_\_\_\_\_, and scuba diving. However, all this comes at a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ cost of \$30,000.

*sounds*  
*perched*  
*hefty*  
*enjoyed*  
*property*  
*cuisine*  
*lifetime*  
*discounts*

The Maldives is a tiny (9) \_\_\_\_\_ nation in the Indian Ocean, about 700km from the southern tip of India. It has developed into a luxurious, high-end (10) \_\_\_\_\_. It is famed for its pristine beaches, palm trees and five-star hospitality. The quality of its (11) \_\_\_\_\_ life has put it on the bucket list of adventure-seeking scuba divers. Many of its resorts are on private islands and (12) \_\_\_\_\_, making it a perfect choice for holidaymakers who seek (13) \_\_\_\_\_ and privacy in paradise. The Maldives is highly (14) \_\_\_\_\_ on international tourism and has (15) \_\_\_\_\_ during the coronavirus pandemic. A tourism spokesperson said the \$30,000 (16) \_\_\_\_\_ is good value and cheaper than staying in an average hotel for a year.

*seclusion*  
*struggled*  
*destination*  
*dependent*  
*marine*  
*archipelago*  
*package*  
*atolls*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

- 1) We all love and have enjoyed an all-you-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. can-eat buff eat
  - b. can-eat buffeted
  - c. can-eat buff eh?
  - d. can-eat buffet
- 2) but a hotel company in the Maldives is offering guests a once-in-a-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. live time vacation
  - b. lifetime vacation
  - c. lively time vacation
  - d. lifer time vacation
- 3) Customers will get the use of a two-person bungalow that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is parched above
  - b. is perched above
  - c. is pitched above
  - d. is poached above
- 4) 365 breakfasts, discounts on spa treatments, cooking lessons \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on Moldavian cuisine
  - b. on Maldivian quiz scene
  - c. on Maldivian cuisine
  - d. on Maldivian quiz scene
- 5) and scuba diving. However, all this comes at \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a heft tea cost
  - b. a heft tee cost
  - c. a heft teak cost
  - d. a hefty cost
- 6) a tiny archipelago nation in the Indian Ocean, about 700km from \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the southern tap
  - b. the southern top
  - c. the southern atop
  - d. the southern tip
- 7) developed into a luxurious, high-end destination. It is famed for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. its pristine beach is
  - b. its pristine peaches
  - c. its pristine beach seas
  - d. its pristine beaches
- 8) five-star hospitality. The quality of its marine life has put it on \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the buck it list
  - b. the pucker list
  - c. the packet list
  - d. the bucket list
- 9) on private islands and atolls, making it a perfect choice for holidaymakers \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. who eek seclusion
  - b. whose seek seclusion
  - c. who seek seclusion
  - d. who's eke seclusion
- 10) said the \$30,000 package is good value and cheaper than staying in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on average hotel
  - b. an average hotel
  - c. an averaged hotel
  - d. on averaged hotel

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

We all love and (1) \_\_\_\_\_ all-you-can-eat buffet, but how many of us have had an "all-you-can-stay" holiday? It sounds too good to be true, but a hotel company in the Maldives (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a once-in-a-lifetime vacation. The luxury Anantara Veli resort has a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ includes unlimited use of its property for the whole of 2021. Customers will get the use of a two-person bungalow that (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the crystal-clear blue waters of the Indian Ocean. The resort is also throwing (5) \_\_\_\_\_, 365 breakfasts, discounts on spa treatments, cooking lessons on Maldivian cuisine, and scuba diving. However, all this comes at a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ \$30,000.

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

1. How did the article say the all-you-can-stay deal sounds?
2. When can guests use the offer?
3. What kind of free transfers are included in the deal?
4. How many free breakfasts are included in price of \$30,000?
5. What adjective did the article use to describe the \$30,000 price tag?
6. How far from is India the Maldives?
7. What did the article say was pristine about the Maldives?
8. What are many resorts on besides private islands?
9. What did the article say the Maldives is highly dependent on?
10. Who said the \$30,000 price was good value?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

- 1) How did the article say the all-you-can-stay deal sounds?
  - a) seriously expensive
  - b) too good to be true
  - c) great
  - d) worth paying for
- 2) When can guests use the offer?
  - a) from this time next year
  - b) any time from today
  - c) weekdays only
  - d) the whole of 2021
- 3) What kind of free transfers are included in the deal?
  - a) airport transfers
  - b) money transfers
  - c) children's transfers
  - d) island transfers
- 4) How many free breakfasts are included in price of \$30,000?
  - a) 52
  - b) 200
  - c) 365
  - d) 12
- 5) What adjective did the article use to describe the \$30,000 price tag?
  - a) cheap
  - b) hefty
  - c) worthwhile
  - d) reasonable
- 6) How far from India is the Maldives?
  - a) about 700km
  - b) just over 1,700km
  - c) about 500km
  - d) exactly 1,000km
- 7) What did the article say was pristine about the Maldives?
  - a) the sea
  - b) the coral
  - c) the beaches
  - d) the atolls
- 8) What are many resorts on besides private islands?
  - a) atolls
  - b) reefs
  - c) bats
  - d) rocks
- 9) What did the article say the Maldives is highly dependent on?
  - a) international tourism
  - b) fish
  - c) good weather
  - d) global banking
- 10) Who said the \$30,000 price was good value?
  - a) a hotel guest
  - b) a tourist
  - c) the hotel manager
  - d) a tourism spokesperson

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – All-You-Can-Eat Buffet**

You think an all-you-can-eat buffet is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): an all-you-can-stay hotel, all-you-can-study English or an all-you-can-use gym.

## **Role B – All-You-Can-Stay Hotel**

You think an all-you-can-stay hotel is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): an all-you-can-eat buffet, all-you-can-study English or an all-you-can-use gym.

## **Role C – All-You-Can-Study English**

You think all-you-can-study English is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): an all-you-can-stay hotel, all-you-can-eat buffet or an all-you-can-use gym.

## **Role D – All-You-Can-Use Gym**

You think an all-you-can-use gym is best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least desirable of these (and why): an all-you-can-stay hotel, all-you-can-study English or all-you-can-eat buffet.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'island' and 'resort'.

island	resort

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• enjoyed</li><li>• true</li><li>• special</li><li>• use</li><li>• throwing</li><li>• hefty</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• tiny</li><li>• tip</li><li>• famed</li><li>• bucket</li><li>• highly</li><li>• value</li></ul>
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# RESORTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

Write five GOOD questions about resorts in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# RESORTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'island'?
3. What do you know about the Maldives?
4. What's the difference between a hotel and a resort?
5. What do you think of buffets?
6. What do you think of all-you-can-stay vacations?
7. What experience have you had of something being too good to be true?
8. What is your perfect holiday?
9. Would you like to stay on a tiny island for a year?
10. What once-in-a-lifetime experience would you like?

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# RESORTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'resort'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Where is paradise for you?
15. What kind of resort would you like to stay at?
16. Do you prefer pristine beaches or virgin forests?
17. What is on your travel bucket list?
18. Where do you go for seclusion and privacy?
19. Do you think the Maldives holiday package is good value?
20. What questions would you like to ask the resort owners?

## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                 |                   |                |                |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) us          | (b) them          | (c) people     | (d) travellers |
| 2.  | (a) vacated     | (b) staycation    | (c) good       | (d) use        |
| 3.  | (a) infinity    | (b) eternity      | (c) all-time   | (d) lifetime   |
| 4.  | (a) parched     | (b) perched       | (c) poached    | (d) patched    |
| 5.  | (a) propelling  | (b) bowling       | (c) hurling    | (d) throwing   |
| 6.  | (a) cleft       | (b) deft          | (c) hefty      | (d) nifty      |
| 7.  | (a) archangel   | (b) archipelago   | (c) archived   | (d) archetype  |
| 8.  | (a) end         | (b) top           | (c) hat        | (d) start      |
| 9.  | (a) marine      | (b) desert        | (c) wilderness | (d) savannah   |
| 10. | (a) prosecution | (b) justification | (c) seclusion  | (d) induction  |
| 11. | (a) as          | (b) at            | (c) in         | (d) on         |
| 12. | (a) worth       | (b) value         | (c) ethics     | (d) merit      |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. The yuxulr Anantara Veli resort
2. uidietlnm use of its property
3. a two-person lnbaguwo
4. trsycla-clear blue waters
5. cooking lessons on Maldivian nsciuie
6. a htyef cost of \$30,000

## Paragraph 2

7. The Maldives is a tiny agoicealphr nation
8. high-end dieitotnsan
9. famed for its inisterp beaches
10. The quality of its maienr life
11. holidaymakers who seek csoulnesi
12. highly dpentneed on international tourism

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) of a two-person bungalow that is perched above the crystal-clear blue
- ( ) treatments, cooking lessons on Maldivian cuisine, and scuba diving. However, all this comes at a hefty cost of \$30,000.
- ( ) said the \$30,000 package is good value and cheaper than staying in an average hotel for a year.
- ( **1** ) We all love and have enjoyed an all-you-can-eat buffet, but how many of us have
- ( ) package that includes unlimited use of its property for the whole of 2021. Customers will get the use
- ( ) trees and five-star hospitality. The quality of its marine life has put it on the bucket list of adventure-
- ( ) seeking scuba divers. Many of its resorts are on private islands and atolls, making it a perfect choice
- ( ) The Maldives is a tiny archipelago nation in the Indian Ocean, about 700km from the southern
- ( ) tip of India. It has developed into a luxurious, high-end destination. It is famed for its pristine beaches, palm
- ( ) had an "all-you-can-stay" holiday? It sounds too good to be true, but a hotel company in the Maldives is offering
- ( ) on international tourism and has struggled during the coronavirus pandemic. A tourism spokesperson
- ( ) waters of the Indian Ocean. The resort is also throwing in airport transfers, 365 breakfasts, discounts on spa
- ( ) guests a once-in-a-lifetime vacation. The luxury Anantara Veli resort has a special
- ( ) for holidaymakers who seek seclusion and privacy in paradise. The Maldives is highly dependent

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

1. be true . too to good It sounds
2. is crystal-clear blue above waters . It the perched
3. a of bungalow . get use Customers the will
4. The in resort airport throwing is transfers . also
5. this cost . However, all hefty comes a at
6. tiny archipelago is a nation . The Maldives
7. from 700km of About the tip India . southern
8. the scuba list bucket adventure-seeking On of divers .
9. Maldives highly international tourism . on is dependent The
10. average in an staying hotel . It's than cheaper

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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We all love and have *enjoyable* / *enjoyed* an all-you-can-eat buffet, but how many of us have had an "all-you-can-stay" holiday? It *sounds* / *sounded* too good to be *true* / *truth*, but a hotel company in the Maldives is offering guests a once-in-a-lifetime vacation. The luxury Anantara Veli resort has a special *packaging* / *package* that includes *unlimited* / *limiting* use of its property for the whole of 2021. Customers will get the *used* / *use* of a two-person bungalow that is *perched* / *parched* above the crystal-clear blue waters of the Indian Ocean. The resort is also throwing *out* / *in* airport transfers, 365 breakfasts, discounts on *spar* / *spa* treatments, cooking lessons on Maldivian cuisine, and scuba diving. However, all this comes at a *hefty* / *heave* cost of \$30,000.

The Maldives is a *tiny* / *tinny* archipelago nation in the Indian Ocean, about 700km from the southern *top* / *tip* of India. It has developed into a luxurious, high-end *destiny* / *destination*. It is *famed* / *famously* for its pristine beaches, palm trees and five-star *hospitality* / *hospital*. The quality of its marine life has put it on the *pail* / *bucket* list of adventure-seeking scuba divers. Many of its resorts are on private islands and *tolls* / *atolls*, making it a perfect choice for holidaymakers who seek *seclusion* / *seclude* and privacy in paradise. The Maldives is *height* / *highly* dependent on international tourism and has struggled *while* / *during* the coronavirus pandemic. A tourism spokesperson said the \$30,000 package is good value and cheaper than staying in an average hotel for a year.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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W\_ \_ll l\_v\_ \_nd h\_v\_ \_nj\_y\_d \_n \_ll-y\_\_-c\_n-\_\_t  
b\_ff\_t, b\_t h\_w m\_ny \_f \_s h\_v\_ h\_d \_n "\_ll-y\_\_-c\_n-  
st\_y" h\_l\_d\_y? \_t s\_\_nds t\_\_ g\_\_d t\_ b\_ tr\_\_, b\_t \_  
h\_t\_l c\_m\_p\_ny \_n th\_ M\_ld\_v\_s \_s \_ff\_r\_ng g\_\_sts \_  
\_nc\_-\_n\_-\_l\_f\_t\_m\_ v\_c\_t\_\_n. Th\_ l\_x\_ry \_n\_nt\_r\_ V\_l\_  
r\_s\_rt h\_s \_ sp\_c\_\_l p\_ck\_g\_ th\_t \_ncl\_d\_s \_nl\_m\_t\_d  
\_s\_ \_f \_ts pr\_p\_rty f\_r th\_ wh\_l\_ \_f 2021. C\_st\_m\_rs  
w\_ll g\_t th\_ \_s\_ \_f \_ tw\_-p\_rs\_n b\_ng\_l\_w th\_t \_s  
p\_rch\_d \_b\_v\_ th\_ cryst\_l-cl\_\_r bl\_\_ w\_t\_rs \_f th\_  
\_nd\_\_n \_c\_\_n. Th\_ r\_s\_rt \_s \_ls\_ thr\_w\_ng \_n \_\_rp\_rt  
tr\_nsf\_rs, 365 br\_\_kf\_sts, d\_sc\_\_nts \_n sp\_ tr\_\_tm\_nts,  
c\_\_k\_ng l\_ss\_ns \_n M\_ld\_v\_\_n c\_\_s\_n\_, \_nd sc\_b\_  
d\_v\_ng. H\_w\_v\_r, \_ll th\_s c\_m\_s \_t \_ h\_fty c\_st \_f  
\$30,000.

Th\_ M\_ld\_v\_s \_s \_ t\_ny \_rch\_p\_l\_g\_ n\_t\_\_n \_n th\_  
\_nd\_\_n \_c\_\_n, \_b\_\_t 700km fr\_m th\_ s\_\_th\_rn t\_p \_f  
\_nd\_\_. \_t h\_s d\_v\_l\_p\_d \_nt\_ \_ l\_x\_r\_\_s, h\_gh-\_nd  
d\_st\_n\_t\_\_n. \_t \_s f\_m\_d f\_r \_ts pr\_st\_n\_ b\_\_ch\_s,  
p\_lm tr\_\_s \_nd f\_v\_-st\_r h\_sp\_t\_l\_ty. Th\_ q\_\_l\_ty \_f  
\_ts m\_r\_n\_ l\_f\_ h\_s p\_t \_t \_n th\_ b\_ck\_t l\_st \_f  
\_dv\_nt\_r\_-s\_\_k\_ng sc\_b\_ d\_v\_rs. M\_ny \_f \_ts r\_s\_rts  
\_r\_ \_n pr\_v\_t\_ \_slnds \_nd \_t\_lls, m\_k\_ng \_t \_  
p\_rf\_ct ch\_\_c\_ f\_r h\_l\_d\_ym\_k\_rs wh\_ s\_\_k s\_cl\_s\_\_n  
\_nd pr\_v\_cy \_n p\_r\_d\_s\_. Th\_ M\_ld\_v\_s \_s h\_ghly  
d\_p\_nd\_nt \_n \_nt\_rn\_t\_\_n\_l t\_\_r\_sm \_nd h\_s str\_ggl\_d  
d\_r\_ng th\_ c\_r\_n\_v\_r\_s p\_nd\_m\_c. \_ t\_\_r\_sm  
sp\_k\_sp\_rs\_n s\_\_d th\_ \$30,000 p\_ck\_g\_ \_s g\_\_d v\_l\_\_  
\_nd ch\_\_p\_r th\_n st\_y\_ng \_n \_n \_v\_r\_g\_ h\_t\_l f\_r \_  
y\_\_r.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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we all love and have enjoyed an all-you-can-eat buffet but how many of us have had an all-you-can-stay holiday it sounds too good to be true but a hotel company in the maldives is offering guests a once-in-a-lifetime vacation the luxury anantara veli resort has a special package that includes unlimited use of its property for the whole of 2021 customers will get the use of a two-person bungalow that is perched above the crystal-clear blue waters of the indian ocean the resort is also throwing in airport transfers 365 breakfasts discounts on spa treatments cooking lessons on maldivian cuisine and scuba diving however all this comes at a hefty cost of 30000

the maldives is a tiny archipelago nation in the indian ocean about 700km from the southern tip of india it has developed into a luxurious high-end destination it is famed for its pristine beaches palm trees and five-star hospitality the quality of its marine life has put it on the bucket list of adventure-seeking scuba divers many of its resorts are on private islands and atolls making it a perfect choice for holidaymakers who seek seclusion and privacy in paradise the maldives is highly dependent on international tourism and has struggled during the coronavirus pandemic a tourism spokesperson said the 30000 package is good value and cheaper than staying in an average hotel for a year.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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We all love and have enjoyed an all-you-can-eat buffet, but how many of us have had an "all-you-can-stay" holiday? It sounds too good to be true, but a hotel company in the Maldives is offering guests a once-in-a-lifetime vacation. The luxury Anantara Veliresort has a special package that includes unlimited use of its property for the whole of 2021. Customers will get the use of a two-person bungalow that is perched above the crystal-clear blue waters of the Indian Ocean. The resort is also throwing in airport transfers, 365 breakfasts, discounts on spa treatments, cooking lessons on Maldivian cuisine, and scuba diving. However, all this comes at a hefty cost of \$30,000. The Maldives is a tiny archipelago nation in the Indian Ocean, about 700 km from the southern tip of India. It has developed into a luxurious, high-end destination. It is famed for its pristine beaches, palm trees and five-star hospitality. The quality of its marine life has put it on the bucket list of adventure-seeking scuba divers. Many of its resorts are on private islands and atolls, making it a perfect choice for holidaymakers whose seek seclusion and privacy in paradise. The Maldives is highly dependent on international tourism and has struggled during the coronavirus pandemic. A tourism spokesperson said the \$30,000 package is good value and cheaper than staying in an average hotel for a year.







# HOMWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. RESORTS:** Make a poster about resorts. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. TOURISM:** Write a magazine article about scaling back on tourism to help protect the environment. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on resorts. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make the perfect resort. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e    2. c    3. b    4. f    5. a    6. g    7. d  
8. m    9. k    10. n    11. h    12. j    13. i    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b F    c T    d T    e F    f F    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. i	4. a	5. c
6. j	7. e	8. f	9. h	10. b

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Too good to be true
2. The whole of 2021
3. Airport transfers
4. 365
5. Hefty
6. About 700km
7. The beaches
8. Atolls
9. International tourism
10. A tourism spokesperson

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. It sounds too good to be true.
2. It is perched above the crystal-clear blue waters.
3. Customers will get the use of a bungalow.
4. The resort is also throwing in airport transfers.
5. However, all this comes at a hefty cost.
6. The Maldives is a tiny archipelago nation.
7. About 700km from the southern tip of India.
8. On the bucket list of adventure-seeking scuba divers.
9. The Maldives is highly dependent on international tourism.
10. It's cheaper than staying in an average hotel.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)