

Reading

6 The Malmaison Hotel, Oxford

- 1 Read about the Malmaison Hotel. Underline the correct answer.

- 1 The Malmaison is near / in the centre of Oxford.
- 2 The windows and doors look very old / modern.
- 3 A lot / All of the rooms are old cells.
- 4 Internet access is expensive / free.
- 5 The walls of the bar are all black / white.
- 6 The hotel has one good restaurant / some good restaurants.

- 2 Are the sentences true (✓) or false (✗)? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 The hotel is now a prison.
It isn't a prison now. It's a hotel.
- 2 The style of the hotel is a mix of old and new.
- 3 There aren't any keys for the rooms.
- 4 The rooms are very modern with Internet access.
- 5 The bar doesn't have any windows.
- 6 The restaurant is very expensive.
- 7 The hotel has a gym.
- 8 There are a lot of things to do near the hotel.



The Malmaison Hotel, Oxford

If you want a hotel in the centre of the historic English city of Oxford, try the Malmaison.

The hotel is an old prison. The outside looks like an old building, but the inside is very modern.

A lot of the hotel still looks like an old prison – the windows and doors, for example. The entrance and reception look like something from a horror film!

Luxurious rooms

There are 94 rooms. Many of the rooms are old cells – three old cells make one big, luxurious bedroom. And don't worry – they give you a key!

The rooms are very comfortable and modern. There is a TV, CD and DVD player, free tea and coffee, and free Internet access in every room. The bathrooms are beautiful, with a big bath and a huge shower.

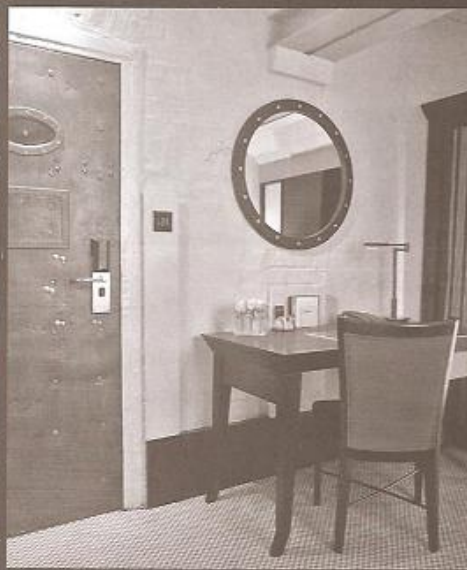
There is a fabulous bar on the third floor. The ceiling is very high, the windows are enormous, and the walls are black. There is a lot of interesting furniture and artwork to look at.

Good food

Downstairs there is a very good restaurant called the Brasserie, where the food is excellent and not too expensive. There is also a gym.

The hotel is near all the university colleges and the beautiful, romantic River Isis. There are also more restaurants and bars nearby, and a lot of shops.

It's the kind of hotel you don't want to leave!





1 Match A, B, and C to make four sentences.

A	B	C
I love my new flat	and I like your flat too.	
	so it's very beautiful.	
	but please come and see it soon.	
	because unfortunately there isn't a garden.	

2 Make similar sentences about where you live using *and, so, but, or because*.

I like my house/flat/room ...

3 Complete the sentences with *and, so, but, or because*.

1 I don't have a TV in my bedroom because I don't want one.

2 Our flat's really small, but it's comfortable.

3 The rent is cheap because it's above a busy restaurant.

4 My wife and I like sailing so we live near the sea.

5 We like living here because it's opposite the park.

6 We don't have a garden, but we have a small balcony.

7 There's a lot to do and a lot to see in our town.

8 Our best friends live in the next street so we often see them.

4 Read about Megan's new flat. Choose the correct linking words.

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5 Write some notes about where you live.

- Where is it?
- Is it old or new?
- How many rooms are there?
- Is there a garden?
- Who do you live with?
- Do you like it? Why? What is the best thing?

Talk to a partner about your notes.

6 Write a description of your home. Use linking words to join ideas. Read it aloud to the class.



My new flat

My new flat is near the centre of town, (1) but so I often walk to work. It's not very big, (2) but because it's very comfortable! There's just one bedroom, a living room, (3) because and quite a big kitchen with a table in the centre. This is good (4) because / so I love cooking, (5) because and I can invite my friends to dinner. The living room has one big window. It faces south, (6) but so it's always very sunny. I have two comfortable, old armchairs, (7) but / so I don't have a sofa (8) because / and the room is quite small.

There isn't a garden, (9) because but there's a small balcony in my bedroom. I want to put a chair there (10) and so can sit in the sun on summer evenings.

I love my new flat for many reasons: the big kitchen, the sunny living room, (11) but / so most of all I love it (12) and because it's my first home!