

## Unit 2 Feel at Home in our Hotel!

### Warm-up

With your partner, compare the hotels below.

Which one would you chose? Why?



### Reading

Bill Windows is going to Zhuhai for a couple of days next week. He is looking for a hotel that is convenient for him to go sightseeing. So he collected some information on hotels and has asked his friend Li for advice. Below is the information that Bill collected, along with the conversation between Bill and Li.

<b>Vacation Inn Zhuhai</b> ★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
<b>Address:</b> No. 18 Jingshan Road, Jida, Zhuhai 519055 P. R. China	
Tel: +86 (756) 322 668      Reservation Hotline: 400 88 40 699	
<b>Standard Twin Room</b>  Room Size: 25m <sup>2</sup>  ¥ 1,400 RMB per night	<b>Deluxe King Room</b>  Room Size: 35m <sup>2</sup>  ¥ 1,600 RMB per night
<b>Hotel Facilities</b>  Wi-Fi is free of charge      Air-conditioners in every room  Satellite TV                      Fitness centre	
<b>About us</b>  Vacation Inn Zhuhai is located in the Jida commercial and banking district. It takes 15 minutes by car to Huafa shopping mall, only 15 minutes by car to Gongbei Border with Macau and 9 minutes on foot to Jiuzhou shopping mall. We offer free shuttle bus to Jiuzhou Ferry Port, which gives you access to Hong Kong.	

<b>AA Inn Zhuhai Jida</b> ★ ★	
<b>Address:</b> No. 1499 of Jida Road, Zhuhai, 519066	
Tel: 0756-8299956	
<b>Standard Single Room</b>  Room Size: 15m <sup>2</sup>  ¥177 RMB per night	<b>Standard Twin Room</b>  Room Size: 20m <sup>2</sup>  ¥ 219 per night

**Hotel Facilities**

Wi-Fi is free of charge

Breakfast is included

Baggage Storage

**About us**

Only 5 minutes by car from Zhuhai Railway Station and 50 minutes from Zhuhai Airport. It takes 18 minutes by car to Huafa shopping mall.

**Jingming Inn - Zhuhai Xiangzhou Lovers Central Road**



**Address:** No. 146 Phoenix Road, Xiangzhou District, Zhuhai, 519077

**Standard Twin Room - Non-refundable**

Room Size: 21m<sup>2</sup>

¥288 RMB per night

**Business Suite – Non-refundable**

Room Size: 25m<sup>2</sup>

¥345 RMB per night

**Hotel Facilities**

Wi-Fi free of charge

Express check-in/check-out

Parking

**About us**

The hotel is located in the business and commercial district. It is close to a Computer retail area, Yangming Square, and Lover's Road. Only 20 minutes by car to Huafa shopping mall.

- Mary: Hi, Bill! I heard you are going to visit Zhuhai next week. Have you found a place to stay?
- Bill: I downloaded some hotels information from the Internet and I am wondering which one I should choose. Any suggestions.
- Li: Show me what you've got. Why don't you go for the five star hotel - Vocation Inn? It has the best customer service and facilities.
- Bill: Oh, that's too expensive. I am a bit short of cash. How about AA Inn? It is the cheapest and the room size is similar to Jingming Inn.
- Li: Yeah, that is a good choice. But AA Inn is not as well located as Jingming Inn. Jingming Inn is more convenient to go sightseeing and shopping.
- Bill: Ok. Good point.
- Li: How about the business suite in Jingming Inn?
- Bill: I prefer a smaller room, Standard is fine and it is cheaper.
- Li: Ok. Let's call Jingming Inn.

## Reading Task

Choose the correct answer.

- Which hotel is the most expensive?  
 Vocation Inn     AA Inn     Jingming Inn
- Which hotel is the cheapest?  
 Vocation Inn     AA Inn     Jingming Inn
- Compared with Jingming Inn, which hotel has a bigger standard twin room?  
 Vocation Inn     AA Inn

4. Which hotel is closest to Huafa Shopping Mall?

- Vocation Inn     AA Inn     Jingming Inn

**Write some questions about the hotels above using comparative and superlative. Practice these with your partner. The first is done for you.**

1. Which hotel has the biggest room?

Vacation Inn has the biggest room.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Speaking

Play the following guessing game with a partner.

Which hotel would you choose?  
Describe the hotel (Not giving the hotel name)  
↓  
Your partner has to guess your choice.

## Grammar Task:

Make sentences about the pictures below using comparatives and superlatives.

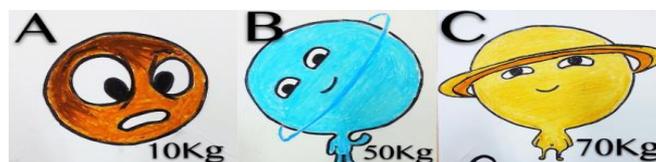
*Example: A is cheaper than B.*



(hints: cheap, expensive)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

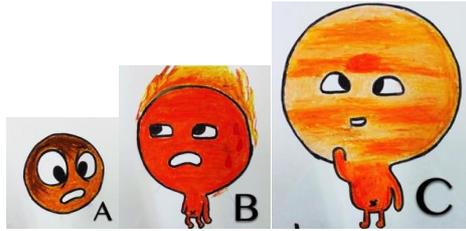
2. \_\_\_\_\_



(hints: heavy, light)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



(hints: tall, short)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Match the words below with the pictures.

Shuttle Bus	Standard Twin Room	Front Desk
Business Suite	Deluxe King Room	Standard Single Room



**Match the words below with the sentences**

facilities	remote	cheap	downtown
expensive	twice	receptionist	budget

1. \_\_\_\_\_ In a hotel, office, or hospital, a person whose job is to answer the telephone and deal with people when they arrive.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Something happening two times.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Goods or services that are not expensive.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The center of a town or a city.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Something that costs a lot of money.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ A sum of money allocated for a particular purpose.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Areas far away from cities and difficult to get to.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Buildings, pieces of equipment, or services that are provided for a particular purpose.

**Listening**

Bill finally picked Jingming Inn as the the most suitable. He visited Jingming Inn with his friend the next evening but they were given some bad news. Listen to the conversation they had with the clerk at the front desk.

**Tick off the correct answers to the questions based on what you heard.**

1. Why didn't Bill want the business suite in Jingming Inn?
  - a. Because he already made another reservation in AA Inn.
  - b. Because he couldn't afford it.
  - c. Because he wasn't satisfied with the room size.

2. Which statement below wasn't mentioned in Bill's response to A's suggestion?
  - a. AA Inn was half as expensive as Jingming Inn.
  - b. The price of Vocation Inn was acceptable and it had a bigger room size, so he decided to book a room there.
  - c. AA Inn was much cheaper than Vocation Inn.
  
3. Which of the following statements about room sizes is correct?
  - a. The size of standard room in Jingming Inn is as big as the business suite.
  - b. The size of standard room in Jingming Inn is smaller than the business suite.
  - c. The size of standard room in Jingming Inn is twice as big as the business suite.

## Speaking

**You work for a hotel near AA Inn and you see your partner as a potential hotel guest. You must reach out to your partner and try to convince him/her that your hotel is better than AA, using comparatives.**

## Writing

Fill in the blank spaces in the diary entry below.

Dear Diary,

This is my first day in Zhuhai. But I've had a few problems.

Before I arrived at Zhuhai, I expected to stay at 8 Days Inn as it is cheaper. But I took a friend's advice and decided to book Jingming Inn instead. I chose Jingmin is because

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Unfortunately, Jingming Inn front desk told me they didn't have any vacancies. I couldn't believe it.

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After all this confusion, I am now writing this diary in my room at 8 Days Inn. Tomorrow, I will go to Yeli Island and Qi'ao Island.

Time for bed. Looking forward to tomorrow.

Good night.

## Speaking

Below is a description of an alternative accommodation type.

Do you like it? Why? Discuss with your partner.

### Couch Surfers



The word 'Couch Surfers' originated on a social networking website:

[www.Couchsurfing.com](http://www.Couchsurfing.com). The website provides a platform for worldwide travelers to find a couch or spare bed where they can stay for a night. Hosts

upload their information on the website. Then couch surfers can contact the host online to apply for a free or cheap stay.

Couchsurfing is popular with most backpackers. It is a change from traditional traveling styles.

Backpackers can not only travel cheaply, but they can also make friends in various countries.

Choose the correct answer for each of the following.

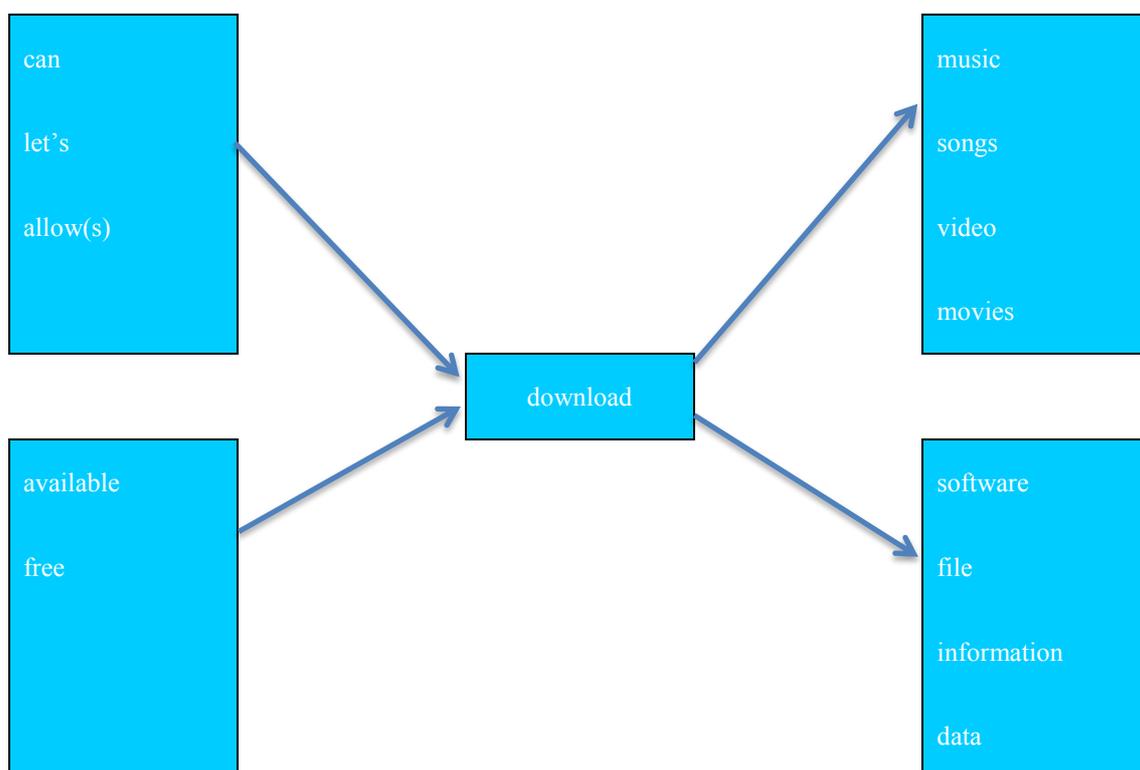
1. The vacancy \_\_\_\_\_ for the hotel remains at 18% for this year.  
A. ratio                      B. rate                      C. proportion                      D. scale
2. Your reservation and credit card have been \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. abandoned                      B. satisfied                      C. accepted                      D. signed
3. I have booked your favorite \_\_\_\_\_ for our anniversary.  
A. dinner                      B. restaurant                      C. gift                      D. movie

## Grammar Awareness - Comparative and Superlative

Basic form	Comparative	Superlative
big	<b>bigger</b>	<b>biggest</b>
cheap	<b>cheaper</b>	<b>cheapest</b>
heavy	<b>heavier</b>	<b>heaviest</b>
expensive	<b>more expensive</b>	<b>the most expensive</b>
<p>(1) Comparative + <b>than...</b></p> <p><i>Example:</i> the dog is <b>bigger than</b> the pig.</p>		
<p>(2) <b>the</b> + superlative...</p> <p><i>Example:</i> This building is <b>the tallest</b> in the world.</p>		
<p>(3) fixed expressions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- more than anything else</li> <li>- more than enough</li> <li>- more than ever</li> </ul> <p>Pattern: more + adjective + than + Noun Phrase</p> <p>Example: more beautiful than Lily</p> <p>Pattern: the most + adjective + of/in + Noun Phrase</p> <p>Example: the most important of the three</p>		

## Word Awareness

The top left box shows the verbs commonly used with *download*. The bottom left box shows the adjectives that are frequent with *download*. The top right box shows the entertainment-related nouns frequently occurring with *download*, while the bottom right box shows the IT-related nouns.



Examples:

Sure enough, with the Premium plan, you can download music to up to three computers or phones.

An optional audio system will allow owners to download images and brief video clips

Every time I download or install a file, I get a progress bar.

You can easily download it as a PDF file.

A handheld device that lets you download and read book-length texts.

This combination allows you to download, record and manage Web.

There are multiple white papers available for download on the site.

Training and awareness materials are accessible for free download.

## Words you need to know

**cheap** (Adj) Relatively low in price or charging low prices. 便宜的 Corporations wanted cheap labor in a regulation-free China to build their products and fatten their bottom line.

**clerk** (N) An employee whose job is to answer the telephone and deal with people when they arrive. 职员, 接待员 The desk clerk hesitated for a second, but then programmed a keycard and handed it to the policeman.

**downtown** (N) The commercial center of a town or city. 闹市区, 市中心 About 8,500 people now live in downtown D.C., nearly double the total in 1990.

**expensive** (Adj) High in price or charging high prices. 昂贵的 Restaurants in Sao Paulo are more expensive than those in Paris, and office space is pricier there than in New York.

**facility** (N) Buildings, equipment or services that are provided for a particular purpose. 设施, 设备 But the Indians play in a modern-day facility, which had 455 consecutive sellouts through 2001.

**remote** (Adj) Apart in space. Far away from cities and places where most people live, and are difficult to get to. 遥远的; 偏僻的 There tend to be fewer health care services in more remote areas and a more limited range of job choices.

**twice** (Adv) two times. To double the degree. 两次; 两倍 Isolates were tested in triplicate, and the assay was repeated twice.

**vacancy** (N) Being unoccupied. An empty area or space. 空房; 空缺; 空白 Evidence of the vacancy rate is never far from sight.