



1 Match the words and the definitions.

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| 1 hostel | A where the land meets the sea |
| 2 public transport | B a cheap hotel where people often share big bedrooms and bathrooms |
| 3 relax | C stop working or worrying and feel happy |
| 4 location | D the place where something (e.g. a hotel) is |
| 5 coast | E people who go travelling with a rucksack on their back |
| 6 backpackers | F buses, trains, trams, etc. |

2 Imagine you are going on holiday with your family or a group of friends. You are going to stay in a hotel or hostel for one week. What is important to you? Put these things in order.

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| The price is not too high. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| It's easy to get there. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| It's near a beach. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| It's quiet at night. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The beds are comfortable. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| It's clean. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The staff are friendly. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other travellers stay there. | <input type="checkbox"/> |



**3** Read these three reviews of a hostel. Then add the correct final sentence to each review.

- A** Thanks to Jade and Jamie for a lovely week – we'll be back, but maybe with a car next time!
B Jade's is only for young people who want to have all-night parties!
C Considering everything, a lovely place, but they need to spend a bit more money on making it comfortable.

Ivan ★★★★★

We spent a week at Jade's Hostel and really enjoyed ourselves. Jade's likeable husband, Jamie, picked us up at the station, which was good because there's no public transport near the hostel. It's in a beautiful forest and is quiet but also fun. We met lots of other cool travellers at the hostel café. Jade is always friendly and makes sure her guests are happy. The beds are not great and if you need everything to be very comfortable, maybe this is not the best place for you. However, if you just want to relax and have fun, it's fabulous. To be honest, it would be even better if it were a bit closer to the beach. It's a long walk from the hostel to the sea.

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Trisha ★★★★★

Our week at Jade's was a lot of fun. We loved the location. You need your own transport if you want to go to the beach, but it's great to be a little bit farther away from the coast in a peaceful forest at night. We stayed outside and slept under the stars all night. It was wonderful! Actually, it was better than going to bed because the beds are very old. I know that Jade's is not an expensive hotel – in fact, it's a very cheap hostel – but the beds are not comfortable at all. That was the only negative thing about our stay. Otherwise, Jade and Jamie are great. They are always friendly and their hostel is full but never dirty.

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Calum ★★★★★

The website for Jade's Hostel tells you that it's family-friendly, but it isn't! It's full of young backpackers, who are very loud. My two children need to go to bed early but the backpackers were talking and laughing all night. We couldn't sleep at all for a whole week because of the noise and the horrible old beds. Of course, we were very tired at the end of the week and I'm sorry to say, we weren't always polite to the other guests. The hostel is actually beautiful and it's not too expensive. The location, just a short drive from the beach, is great. Jade and Jamie were always nice and helpful, but I'm sorry, their hostel is *not* good for families.

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4 Read the reviews again. Which people have these opinions? Tick Ivan, Trisha or Calum. You can tick more than one name for each opinion.**Tips**

This task asks you about the writers' opinions, not about what you think is true. Underline the places in the texts where the writer has given each opinion. If you can't underline anything, the writer has not given the opinion and you should not tick his/her name.

	Ivan	Trisha	Calum
1 Jade and Jamie are nice people.			
2 The hostel is too far away from the beach.			
3 It is very clean.			
4 The hostel does not have comfortable beds.			
5 Not everything on the hostel's website is true.			
6 The price of staying at the hostel is not too high.			



- 5 Ivan says Jade's Hostel is quiet but Calum says it's loud. How can you explain these two different opinions of the same place? Discuss in groups.

There could be different reasons. Maybe Ivan and Calum have different ideas ...

- 6 Write a review of a place where you have stayed on holiday or a place that you know about. It could be a hotel, a hostel, a campsite or any other kind of accommodation. Write about these points:

the location

comfort and how clean it is

the friendliness of the staff

the price