

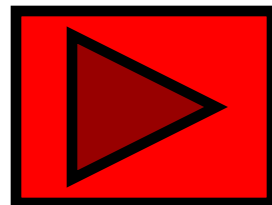
Where is the dog sitting?

What is the dog doing?

What do you think the dog is watching?

What do you think this story is about?

The Luxury Hotel



Near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, there is a small luxury hotel. The rooms at the hotel have thick carpets and air conditioning. Some rooms have TVs, and in every room there is music. The hotel has a pool and a hot tub, too.

The hotel is beautiful, but it is not expensive. A room with a TV is only \$13 a night.

Do you want to stay at this luxury hotel? Probably not. Sometimes the guests at the hotel are not very polite. They put their feet on the furniture. They jump on the beds. At dinner time, when the guests are hungry, they are very noisy. When they eat, they never use knives, forks, or napkins.

Who are these impolite guests? They are dogs. The luxury hotel is for dogs only. When

people go away on business or on vacation, they leave their dogs at the hotel. They know their dogs will be happy there.

Dogs are busy at the dog hotel. They play with other dogs and run in the woods behind the hotel. They swim in the pool or relax in the hot tub. They go to exercise classes and swimming lessons. They get haircuts, shampoos, and massages.

When the dogs are tired, they lie on their beds or on the heated floor. Some dogs watch movies on a big TV. (The movies are about dogs, of course.)

Look at the dog in the picture. His family went on vacation, and he didn't go with them. But the dog doesn't care. He is on vacation, too—on vacation at the dog hotel.

VOCABULARY

Which words have the same meaning as the words in the story? Circle the letter of your answer.

1. Near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, there is a *luxury* hotel.
 - a. old
 - b. first-class
2. The *guests* at the hotel are not very polite.
 - a. workers
 - b. visitors
3. They put their feet up on the *furniture*.
 - a. tables, chairs, and beds
 - b. knives, forks, and spoons
4. The guests are noisy, and they never use knives, forks, or napkins. Who are these *impolite* guests?
 - a. very polite
 - b. not polite
5. The dogs run in the *woods* behind the hotel.
 - a. place where trees grow
 - b. place where vegetables grow
6. The dogs lie on the *heated* floor.
 - a. warm
 - b. cold

COMPREHENSION

FINDING INFORMATION

Read the questions. Find the answers in the story. Write the answers.

1. Is the luxury hotel near Pittsburgh or Miami?

It is near Pittsburgh.

2. Is a room with a TV \$13 a night or \$130 a night?
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3. Are the guests noisy or quiet?
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4. Are the guests polite or impolite?
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5. Are the guests people or dogs?
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FINDING MORE INFORMATION

Read each sentence on the left. Which sentence on the right gives you more information? Match the sentences. Write the letter of your answer on the line.

1. c The hotel is *beautiful*.
 2. The hotel is *not expensive*.
 3. The guests are *impolite*.
 4. The guests are *busy*.
- a. They are noisy, they jump on the furniture, and they don't use napkins.
 - b. A room with a TV is only \$13 a night.
 - c. The hotel has thick carpets, a swimming pool, and a hot tub.
 - d. They swim, they play, and they run. They go to exercise classes and swimming lessons.

REMEMBERING DETAILS

1. What does the luxury hotel have? Check (✓) eight answers.

thick carpets

balconies

air conditioning

a coffee pot in every room

music

a restaurant for the dogs

a pool

a hot tub

beds

heated floors

a big TV

tennis courts

What do dogs do at the hotel? Check (✓) eight answers.

They jump on the beds.

They use knives and forks.

They watch movies about dogs.

They drink lemonade by the pool.

They run in the woods.

They get haircuts and massages.

They play with other dogs.

They swim in the pool.

They play golf.

They relax in the hot tub.

They go to exercise classes.

They chase cats.

DISCUSSION

Are you a dog lover? Read the sentences below with your class and discuss new vocabulary. Then circle *YES* or *NO*.

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| YES | NO | 1. I have (or had) a dog. |
| YES | NO | 2. I talk to dogs. |
| YES | NO | 3. I kiss dogs. |
| YES | NO | 4. I let dogs "kiss" my face. |
| YES | NO | 5. Sometimes I sleep with a dog. |
| YES | NO | 6. I like to walk dogs. |
| YES | NO | 7. I like to pet dogs and play with them. |
| YES | NO | 8. I can brush a dog. |
| YES | NO | 9. I can give a dog a bath. |
| YES | NO | 10. I get angry if someone hits a dog. |
| YES | NO | 11. If I see a hurt dog in the street, I stop and try to help it. |
| YES | NO | 12. I like movies about dogs. |
| YES | NO | 13. I think dogs are good friends for people. |
| YES | NO | 14. I think a hotel for dogs is a good idea. |

Now count your classmates. Who in your class circled *NO* the most times? Who in your class circled *YES* the most times? Who in your class is the biggest dog lover?

Now ask a partner the questions

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| 1. I have (or had) a dog. | 1. <i>Do you have a dog?</i> |
| 2. I talk to dogs. | 2. ... |
| 3. I kiss dogs. | |
| 4. I let dogs "kiss" my face. | |
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