

Nombre: _____

1. Read and answer the questions

Would you like to be Albert Einstein? Would you like to feel like Marilyn Monroe? Or Madonna?

Well now you can feel like these famous people and many more at the Fame Hotel in California. Ten miles outside Los Angeles, the Fame Hotel promises to answer the question "What if?". When you check into the hotel, you choose a room. Each room has a name. There's Clint Eastwood on the second floor and Elvis Presley on the third floor. In total, the Fame Hotel has 32 rooms, most of which are named after stars of Hollywood or music. But there are also famous writers (Mark Twain and Agatha Christie) and even some scientists and sports stars, such as Mike Tyson.

When you enter the room, you enter the life of that person. There are pictures everywhere. The owner of the hotel has tried to fill the room with objects, clothes, even food that he thinks the stars would have liked. Marilyn Monroe's wardrobe is full of beautiful white dresses, Albert Einstein doesn't have any socks in his wardrobe because the real Einstein never wore them! If you choose Mike Tyson's room, you'll be able to practice boxing in one corner of the room. And there's even a skipping rope too!

I spoke to one guest staying in the Elvis Presley room. "I love this hotel," he said to me. "I wanted to know 'What would Elvis Presley eat for breakfast?' and now I know". That guest eats pancakes and strawberry ice cream every morning, just as Elvis liked to do. On the next table, the Einstein room's guest is eating cabbage soup!

The company plans to open another Fame Hotel in New York next year and there are plans to expand into Europe too. I look forward to staying in the Winston Churchill suite in London.

1. What kind of questions does the Fame Hotel promise to answer?

2. All the hotel rooms are named after Hollywood stars or stars from the music world. T F

3. What happens when you enter a room in the Fame Hotel?

4. What has been done to help guests feel like the star the room supposedly belongs to?

5. All guests are served the same kind of food. T F

2. Now read about Martin, who was going on holiday, and complete the blanks with a suitable linking word

Martin had a terrible day yesterday. It was the day of his vacation to Spain. _____ it was a nightmare. He left the house at 10 o'clock in the morning and caught a taxi to the airport.

Martin went to the check-in with his luggage. _____ the man who worked for the airline asked for his passport, Martin became very upset. He realized he didn't have his passport or his DNI with him. What a disaster!

He jumped back into the taxi and told the driver to take him home. _____ there was a lot of traffic, the driver drove really fast and Martin arrived back at his house in twenty minutes.

He ran into the house and went into his bedroom. He started looking for the documents, but neither of _____ was there. Where were they? He looked _____ in the wardrobe and under the bed, _____ he couldn't find them. Martin was beginning to feel desperate. He went into the kitchen and found his documents on the table next to the coffee machine!

When Martin went out of his house the taxi wasn't there _____ he started running down the street looking for another taxi.

_____ a few minutes, Martin found another taxi and told the driver to take him to the airport _____ quickly as possible. The traffic on the roads was very bad

_____ Martin arrived at the airport on time and finally managed to catch his plane.

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3. Read about John Cookson and put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense. When you see a + use a modal

John Cookson _____ (always be) interested in the sea. His mother told him that she _____ (+ be) like him when she was a child and that was why she bought him an aquarium. He _____ (have) collections of tropical fish since that time.

For the last twenty years he _____ (live) in a big house in Auckland where he has an aquarium. Last year he _____ (open) it to the public. His collection includes several sharks which _____ (swim) around looking dangerous.

"People _____ (not understand) sharks. It's true they _____ (+be) dangerous, but they only attack humans on very rare occasions. You _____ (+be) careful when you're near a shark. That's all," he says.

"Once, while I _____ (swim) in the sea, a great white shark tried to attack me but I hit it on the nose with my camera," John says and smiles.

4. John is showing his aquarium to a group of visitors. Complete the blanks with a suitable word

"First of all I must tell you that you are not _____ to feed the fish. So, please, don't throw any food into the tanks.

Now, this is a catfish. I don't know _____ it has that name. Maybe it's because it looks _____ a cat. What do you think? Some people think it is _____ ugliest fish in the aquarium but I quite like it.

Here we have the rays. The electric one can hurt you _____ you frighten it, but in general it is not dangerous.

And these are the seahorses. Seahorses are _____ most special fish in the aquarium, so I think you _____ have a good look at them. They all start life as girls, but as soon _____ a boy seahorse dies, the strongest girl seahorse becomes a boy. I've _____ seen three of them transform, and it is really a wonderful experience.

We've got two big tanks in the West wing of the aquarium. _____ of them are for sharks because they cannot share the tank with other fish. Shall we go and look at them?"

5. Complete this interview with Cathy Taylor, a member of SOS (Save our Seals) organization

Interviewer: _____ ?

C Taylor: Well, it started in the winter of 1994 when a man saw a seal on the beach and thought it needed help.

Interviewer: _____ ?

C Taylor: People usually phone us when they see a seal on the beach.

Interviewer: _____ ?

C Taylor: We have saved more than three hundred seals from the seas of New Zealand.

Interviewer: _____ ?

C Taylor: We help the seals and then we put them back in the sea. Last week, for example, we brought Sammy, a baby seal, here in a cage. He was hurt.

Interviewer: _____ ?

C Taylor: If Sammy is OK by the end of the week, we'll put him back in the sea.

6. Composition. Write about 60 – 80 words on one of the following:

- The Perfect Holiday
- "And that's the end of the story. He won't ever do it again." (final sentence)