



Pre-Reading Activities

A: Choose The Best Answer

Choose the best answer for each of the questions:

1. What is a hotel?
 - a. *The place where you live.*
 - b. *A place where you pay to eat and sleep.*
2. What do hotel rooms have?
 - a. *A kitchen, dining room, living room, bedroom and bathroom.*
 - b. *A bedroom and bathroom.*

B: Vocabulary

Part One: Match the pictures with these words from today's article.

grand piano, view, art

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Part Two: Look at the pictures below and answer the questions.

Here are some pictures of things in a shop.

- a. *How much does each thing **cost**?*
- b. *Which thing is the **most expensive**?*
- c. *Which thing is the **cheapest**?*

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C: Discussion

1. Are there many hotels where you live?
2. What is the name of the **most expensive hotel** in your city / country?
3. Why is it very expensive?
4. Do you know anyone who has stayed in this hotel?





A: Predicting

Here is the headline of today's article. Read it and answer the questions.

New York's Most Expensive Hotel Room

1. What is today's article about?
 - a. The most expensive city in the world.
 - b. The most expensive hotel in the world.
 - c. The most expensive hotel room in New York.
2. What do you think you will read about in today's article?
 - a. I will read about New York and why people like to go there.
 - b. I will read about hotels in New York and who stays in hotels.
 - c. I will read about the most expensive hotel room in New York and why it is the most expensive hotel room.

B: Comprehension

Read **Part One** of today's article and answer the questions.

1. What is the name of the hotel that has the most expensive hotel room in New York?
2. Is this hotel old or new?
3. How much does the suite cost?
4. What is another name for New York?

Part One

New York's Most Expensive Hotel Room -- \$12,595 a Night

NEW YORK Tue December 2 (Reuters) - Are you planning to visit New York? The new Mandarin Oriental hotel has a **suite** that costs \$12,595 a night -- the most expensive hotel

in the Big Apple. (Continued/...)

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Words: *suite* - a group (set) of rooms in a hotel

C: Complete The Sentences

Here are some sentences about the hotel suite. Complete the sentences below with the correct words from **Part Two** of the article.

- The name of the suite at the Mandarin Oriental is the 1. _____.
- You can cook meals in the Presidential Suite's 2. _____.
- You can have dinner in the 3. _____.
- You can watch television on the flat-screen LCD 4. _____ in the living room.
- You can see 5. _____ and the Hudson River from the hotel suite.

Part Two

(.../Continued) The Mandarin's Presidential Suite has a _____ kitchen, formal dining room and living room with flat-screen LCD televisions. There is a baby grand piano and _____ views of Central Park and the Hudson River. The suite has art **worth** almost \$1 million.

The Presidential Suite **opens** in January, 2004.

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Words: *opens* - is ready for people to use
worth - with a value of; could be sold for that amount of money

D: Vocabulary

Below is a list of two missing words from **Part Two** of today's article. Use your dictionaries to match these words with their meanings below. Then use them to fill the gaps in **Part Two** of the article above.

Words	Meanings
wide	a. complete
full	b. far from one side to the other

E: True or False

Read the whole article again and decide if these sentences are true **T** or false **F**.

1. The Mandarin Oriental is a hotel in New York.
2. Guests pay \$12,595 for one night in the Presidential Suite.
3. The Presidential Suite is one room.
4. The art in the Presidential Suite is worth more than \$1 million.
5. Guests can stay in the Presidential Suite in December, 2003.

Post-Reading Activities

You may do one or more of these.

A: What Do You Do?

Here are some questions. Read them and answer them. Then work in pairs and share your answers.

1. You are rich. It is your mother's birthday. What do you buy her?
 - a. Sunglasses.
 - b. Art.
 - c. A grand piano.
2. You are rich. You go to New York for a business meeting. Where do you stay?
 - a. With your uncle who lives in New York.
 - b. In the Presidential Suite of the Mandarin Oriental hotel.
 - c. You buy a house in New York.
3. You want to give your good friend a nice meal. What do you do?
 - a. You cook him or her a meal.
 - b. You take him or her to a restaurant.
 - c. You ask your mother to cook him or her a meal.
4. You win \$1,000. What do you do with the money?
 - a. You stay in an expensive hotel.
 - b. You go shopping.
 - c. You put it in the bank.



B: Discussion

Answer these questions in small groups.

1. Who do you think will stay in the new Presidential Suite at the Mandarin Oriental?
2. What do you think about guests spending \$12,595 for one night at a hotel?
3. Do you stay in hotels? Why or why not?

C: Language

Put **has** or **have** in each gap.

1. I a friend who visited New York last year.
2. He many photos of his trip.
3. New York many hotels.
4. Some hotels expensive suites.
5. The new Mandarin Oriental hotel a suite that costs \$12,595 a night.
6. Hotel rooms in the United States always bathrooms.
7. We enough money to stay one hour in this hotel.
8. I hopes of staying there one day.
9. The hotel one of the most beautiful views in New York.
10. He plans of visiting New York next spring.
11. Guests four different restaurants to choose from in the hotel.
12. It the best food in New York.

D: Numbers

1. Look again at the numbers in **Part Two** of **Pre-Reading B**.
Work in pairs and say them as words.

2. Write some numbers on a piece of paper. Then read them
aloud as words to your partner. Your partner will write them down.



TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

Pre-Reading Activities

A: Choose The Best Answer

1. b, 2. b.

B: Vocabulary - Answers

Part One: grand piano - picture 2, view - picture 3, art - pictures 1.

Part Two:

- picture 1 - \$39.99, picture 2. \$3, 295, picture 3 - \$1, 387
- picture 2 (diamond ring)
- picture 1 (teddy bear)

Reading Activities

A: Predicting

1. c, 2. c.

B: Comprehension - Notes

4. Scholarly opinion is divided over why New York is called the Big Apple. If you want to offer some explanations to your students, try typing in the question "Why (is) New York called (the) Big Apple?" onto your favorite search engine to find possible answers.

B: Comprehension - Answers

1. the Mandarin Oriental hotel, 2. new, 3. \$12,595 a night, 4. the Big Apple.

C: Complete The Sentences - Notes

A baby grand piano is a smaller model of a grand piano.

C: Complete The Sentences - Answers

1. Presidential Suite, 2. kitchen, 3. (formal) dining room, 4. televisions, 5. Central Park.

D: Vocabulary - Notes

Check that students understand they use the words in the list to fill the gaps in Part Two of the article found in Reading Activity C.

D: Vocabulary - Answers

wide - b, full - a.

First Gap - full, Second Gap - wide.

E: True or False - Answers

1. T, 2. T, 3. F (It's a suite - a group of rooms.), 4. F (almost \$1 million), 5. F (They can stay in it from January, 2004.).

Post-Reading Activities

A: What Do You Do? - Notes

Students work alone through the questions and then compare answers in pairs. They can ask each other to explain their choice of answers.

C: Language - Answers

1. have, 2. has, 3. has, 4. have, 5. has, 6. have, 7. have, 8. have, 9. has, 10. has, 11. have, 12. has.

D: Numbers - Notes

(Americans can leave out the 'and' between the hundred and the rest of a number e.g. three thousand, two hundred ninety-five dollars.)

D: Numbers - Answers

thirty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents

three thousand, two hundred and ninety-five dollars

one thousand, three hundred and eight-seven dollars

