

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

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| 1. buffet | a. Including something, typically at no extra cost, with something that is being sold or offered. |
| 2. package | b. A building or buildings and the land belonging to it or them. |
| 3. property | c. A set of proposals or terms offered or agreed as a whole (e.g. a holiday, an employment deal). |
| 4. perched | d. Of a number or amount that is impressively large. |
| 5. throwing in | e. A meal consisting of several dishes from which guests serve themselves. |
| 6. cuisine | f. Of a building that is situated above or on the edge of something. |
| 7. hefty | g. A style or method of cooking, especially as characteristic of a particular country, region, or restaurant. |

Paragraph 2

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| 8. archipelago | h. In its original condition; unspoiled. |
| 9. tip | i. The state of being private and away from other people. |
| 10. high-end | j. A chain of islands made of coral. |
| 11. pristine | k. The top, bottom or extreme edge of a country, island or piece of land. |
| 12. atoll | l. Requiring someone or something for financial, emotional, or other support. |
| 13. seclusion | m. A group of islands. |
| 14. dependent | n. About the most expensive of a range of products. |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

We all love and have (1) _____ an all-you-can-eat buffet, but how many of us have had an "all-you-can-stay" holiday? It (2) _____ too good to be true, but a hotel company in the Maldives is offering guests a once-in-a- (3) _____ vacation. The luxury Anantara Veli resort has a special package that includes unlimited use of its (4) _____ for the whole of 2021. Customers will get the use of a two-person bungalow that is (5) _____ above the crystal-clear blue waters of the Indian Ocean. The resort is also throwing in airport transfers, 365 breakfasts, (6) _____ on spa treatments, cooking lessons on Maldivian (7) _____, and scuba diving. However, all this comes at a (8) _____ cost of \$30,000.

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perched
hefty
enjoyed
property
cuisine
lifetime
discounts

The Maldives is a tiny (9) _____ nation in the Indian Ocean, about 700km from the southern tip of India. It has developed into a luxurious, high-end (10) _____. It is famed for its pristine beaches, palm trees and five-star hospitality. The quality of its (11) _____ life has put it on the bucket list of adventure-seeking scuba divers. Many of its resorts are on private islands and (12) _____, making it a perfect choice for holidaymakers who seek (13) _____ and privacy in paradise. The Maldives is highly (14) _____ on international tourism and has (15) _____ during the coronavirus pandemic. A tourism spokesperson said the \$30,000 (16) _____ is good value and cheaper than staying in an average hotel for a year.

seclusion
struggled
destination
dependent
marine
archipelago
package
atolls

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

1. How did the article say the all-you-can-stay deal sounds?
2. When can guests use the offer?
3. What kind of free transfers are included in the deal?
4. How many free breakfasts are included in price of \$30,000?
5. What adjective did the article use to describe the \$30,000 price tag?
6. How far from is India the Maldives?
7. What did the article say was pristine about the Maldives?
8. What are many resorts on besides private islands?
9. What did the article say the Maldives is highly dependent on?
10. Who said the \$30,000 price was good value?

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201115-maldives-resort.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article said a hotel in the Maldives had an all-you-can-eat buffet. **T / F**
- b. The article said guests can only stay at the hotel once in a lifetime. **T / F**
- c. The hotel offer includes a free breakfast every day. **T / F**
- d. People who stay at the hotel can get a discount on cooking lessons. **T / F**
- e. The Maldives is about 450km from India. **T / F**
- f. Scuba divers in the Maldives must take a bucket with them. **T / F**
- g. The article said the Maldives could get by without tourism. **T / F**
- h. A tourism spokesperson said the \$30,000 price was good value. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

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| 1. love | a. situated |
| 2. sounds | b. deal |
| 3. luxury | c. massive |
| 4. perched | d. appears |
| 5. hefty | e. extremity |
| 6. archipelago | f. immaculate |
| 7. tip | g. adore |
| 8. pristine | h. isolation |
| 9. seclusion | i. opulent |
| 10. package | j. island chain |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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| 1. We all love and have enjoyed an all- | a. atolls |
| 2. offering guests a once-in-a- | b. in airport transfers |
| 3. a special package that includes unlimited | c. cost of \$30,000 |
| 4. The resort is also throwing | d. pandemic |
| 5. However, all this comes at a hefty | e. you-can-eat buffet |
| 6. The Maldives is a tiny archipelago | f. high-end destination |
| 7. It has developed into a luxurious, | g. on international tourism |
| 8. private islands and | h. lifetime vacation |
| 9. The Maldives is highly dependent | i. nation |
| 10. during the coronavirus | j. use of its property |