

Podcast #143 A Really Lousy Hotel

Original Version

The three of us stayed in one room. The room was extremely small. There was almost no space for suitcases.

The bathroom was tiny. It was like being in a cardboard box. There was black mold around the tub. There were no racks for wet towels. The soap was the size of a fingernail.

The weather was hot and humid. We needed to run the air conditioning. The AC was too cold. It blew air directly onto the beds. We couldn't lower the speed of the fan.

The rugs in the hotel all needed a cleaning. They were dark with years of dirt.

The hotel served unhealthy food. All the cereals were loaded with sugar. The cooked food was too fatty and salty. The salads did not look fresh. It was hard to get a glass of milk. The coffee was barely drinkable. The servers were not especially friendly.

The swimming pool was okay. Of course, there was no life guard. They didn't always have pool towels.

We couldn't wait to leave the hotel. We forgot some clothes in a dresser. They mailed them to us. Two pieces were missing.

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Choose the correct word or term

The three of us (we stayed – stayed) in one room. The room was (extremely – extremely) small. There (wasn't – was) almost no space for suitcases.

The (bathroom – bath room) was tiny. It was like (were – being) in a cardboard box. There (was – were) black mold around the tub. There (weren't – were) no racks for wet towels. The soap was the size of a (fingernail – fingernale).

The weather (was – was being) hot and humid. We needed (to – too) run the air conditioning. The AC was too cold. It blew air directly (into – onto) the beds. We (couldn't – could'nt) lower the speed of the fan.

The rugs in the hotel all (were needing – needed) a cleaning. They were dark with years of dirt.

The hotel served (un-healthy – unhealthy) food. All the cereals were loaded (of – with) with sugar. The cooked food was (to – too) fatty and salty. The salads did not look (freshly – fresh). It (was hard – was being hard) to get a glass of milk. The coffee was barely (drinkabel – drinkable). The servers were not (espeshully – especially) friendly.

The (swiming – swimming) pool was okay. Of course, there was no life guard. They didn't always (have no pool towels – have pool towels).

We couldn't wait (to leave – for to leave) the hotel. We forgot some (cloths – clothes) in a dresser. They mailed them to us. Two (pieces – pieces) were missing.

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Practice with incorrect or missing articles, indefinite pronouns, and verbs.

In the following version of the story, circle or underline places where (a) a grammatically incorrect article is used, (b) an incorrect verb tense is used, or (c) any of the following is missing:

- a grammatically required article (*a, an, the*)
- a personal pronoun (for example, *he*)
- a possessive pronoun (for example, *his*)
- an indefinite pronoun such as *some* or *any*
- a form of the verb *to be* (for example, *was*)

The first paragraph has been underlined to show where you would circle or underline a word or phrase.

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Swimming pool okay. Of course, was no life guard. They didn't always have the pool towels.

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