

Renovating a hotel speaking and vocabulary
English for architects/ Travel English

You are going to take part in a competition for the best hotel renovation.

*Draw and/ or make notes about the hotel **before** renovation here. Your teacher will tell you if, when and how you can use the suggested language to help.*

*Draw and/ or make notes about the hotel **after** renovation here. Make sure that it is just renovated, not just totally rebuilt! Your teacher will tell you if, when and how you can use the suggested language to help.*

Language to describe bad hotels	Language to describe good hotels
● Bare light bulbs ● Broken ● Claustrophobic ● Cracked ● Cramped ● Creaking ● Crooked ● Crumbling ● Damp ● Dingy ● Drab ● Draughty ● Dusty ● Excess ● Filthy ● Fleas/ Bedbugs ● Gloomy ● Holes ● Inadequate ● Leaking ● Low ceilings ● Lumpy mattress ● Musty ● Narrow ● Noisy/ Loud ● Not enough/ Not sufficient(ly)/ A lack of ● Old fashioned ● Peeling ● Problems with ● Run down ● Sagging ● Shaky ● Squeaky ● Stains ● Steep ● Sticky ● Tacky ● Tiny/ Miniscule ● Too much/ Too many ● Uneven ● Unsafe ● Unsafe ● Unsanitary ● Very few/ Hardly any	● Abundant/ Numerous ● Balcony ● Ballroom ● Bell boy/ Porter ● Brand (spanking) new ● Buffet/ Eat-all-you-like buffet ● Chandelier ● Coal fire ● Complementary... ● Concierge ● Easy access to... ● Elegant/ Stylish ● Four-poster bed ● Full English breakfast ● Gleaming/ Spotless ● Gold-plated taps ● Golf course ● Helicopter landing pad ● Hot springs ● Jacuzzi ● Key cards ● Lobby ● Luxurious ● Magnificent/ Fabulous ● Mist shower ● Natural light ● Panoramic views ● Plenty of ● Pool/ Indoor pool/ Outdoor pool ● Poolside bar ● Private beach ● Rooftop garden ● Room service ● Shoe shine service ● Shuttle bus ● Silk sheets ● Spa ● Spacious/ Vast ● Spiral staircase ● Suite ● Tennis courts ● Trouser press ● Wine cooler

Look at all of the vocabulary above, ask about any which you are not sure about, then you have five minutes to add more if you like.

Look at the before part of another group's worksheet, predict the renovation, then compare with the actual renovation.

Vote on the best before and after.

Test each other on the vocabulary by reading out words and seeing if your partner can say if they are positive or negative.

Discussion questions

How would you feel about living (rather than just staying) in a luxury hotel? Why do you feel that way?

What about living on a cruise ship?

What things would a cruise ship need to make it a permanently liveable place?