

Unit 3. Accommodation: Vocabulary, Grammar, and Practice

Key Vocabulary and Expressions: Accommodation

This section presents common words and expressions related to types of accommodation and hotel services, along with their Spanish translations.

English	Spanish
accommodation	alojamiento
self-catering	con cocina propia
bed and breakfast	pensión con desayuno
youth hostel	albergue juvenil
guest house	casa de huéspedes
villa	villa
refuge	refugio
parador	parador
camp site	camping
holiday village	pueblo turístico
medieval castle	castillo medieval
hunting lodge	pabellón de caza
apartment hotel	apartahotel
luxury beach hotel	hotel de playa de lujo

Grammar Focus: Modal Verbs

Modal verbs are used to express ability, possibility, obligation, advice and permission. They are followed by the base form of the verb.

Common modals include: can, could, must, should, may, might, have to, ought to, need to.

Example Sentence	Meaning
You can pay by card.	ability or permission
Guests must check out by 11 a.m.	strong obligation
You should try the local food.	advice
They might be late.	possibility
You don't have to bring towels.	lack of obligation

Practice Activities

A. Match the Accommodation Types

Match the English accommodation types to their Spanish equivalents.

1. guest house
 2. villa
 3. parador
 4. self-catering
 5. bed and breakfast
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- a. villa
 - b. pensión con desayuno
 - c. parador
 - d. con cocina propia
 - e. casa de huéspedes

Answer Key: 1-e, 2-a, 3-c, 4-d, 5-b

B. Complete with the Correct Modal Verb

Choose the correct modal verb (can, must, should, might, don't have to) to complete the sentences.

1. You _____ leave your valuables in the safe.
2. Guests _____ be quiet after 10 p.m.
3. You _____ book early during high season.
4. You _____ show your ID at check-in.
5. You _____ bring your own hairdryer – one is provided.

Sample Answers:

1. should
2. must
3. should
4. must
5. don't have to

C. Speaking Practice: Discuss and Recommend

Work with a partner. Take turns recommending types of accommodation for these travellers. Use modal verbs and descriptive language.

1. A young backpacker travelling alone.

2. A family with two children looking for nature and comfort.
3. A couple celebrating their anniversary.
4. A group of friends wanting adventure and low costs.

Use expressions like:

- You should stay in...
- You might enjoy...
- They must look for...
- You don't have to...
- It can be more relaxing to...

Activity 1: Choose the Correct Modal Verb

Choose the most appropriate modal verb for each sentence.

1. Guests _____ (can / must / might) leave their luggage at reception before check-in.
2. You _____ (must / don't have to / might) wear a swimming cap in the spa area.
3. The hotel _____ (can / must / should) provide extra towels if you ask.
4. We _____ (should / can / might) book early, it's high season.
5. Children under 12 _____ (must / can't / should) stay in the same room as their parents.

Activity 2: Correct the Mistakes

Each sentence contains a mistake with a modal verb. Correct the error.

1. You must to show your passport at reception.
2. She cans use the gym any time.
3. Guests should to arrive before 8 p.m.
4. You doesn't have to book dinner in advance.
5. I mights take a longer holiday this year.

Activity 3: Roleplay: At the Hotel Reception

Work in pairs. One person is the hotel receptionist, the other is a guest. Use modal verbs to ask and answer politely.

Situations to Roleplay:

- The guest wants to know if they can leave their luggage after check-out.
- Ask if it is necessary to book breakfast in advance.
- The guest is unsure whether the spa is included in the price.
- Ask if pets are allowed in the room.

Useful Language:

- Can I...?
- Do I have to...?
- Should I...?
- You must... / You don't have to...
- You can...

Answer Key

Activity 1:

1. can
2. must
3. should
4. should
5. must

Activity 2:

1. You must show your passport at reception.
2. She can use the gym any time.
3. Guests should arrive before 8 p.m.
4. You don't have to book dinner in advance.
5. I might take a longer holiday this year.