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Level 5 – 15th November, 2020

Maldives resort offers \$30K 'all-you-can-stay' holiday

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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We all know all-you-can-eat buffets, but have you heard of an "all-you-can-stay" holiday? It sounds too good to be true. The luxury Anantara Veli resort in the Maldives has a special, once-in-a-lifetime vacation package - unlimited use of its property for the whole of 2021. Customers will get the use of a bungalow that is perched above the crystal-clear blue waters of the Indian Ocean. The resort is also throwing in airport transfers, 365 breakfasts, discounts on spa treatments, cooking lessons, and scuba diving. However, all this comes at a hefty price of \$30,000.

The Maldives is an archipelago about 700km southwest of India. It has developed into a luxurious destination. It is famous for its pristine beaches, palm trees and five-star hospitality. Its marine life has put it on the bucket list of adventurous scuba divers. Many of its resorts are on private atolls, making it a perfect choice for holidaymakers who want seclusion and privacy in paradise. The Maldives needs international tourism. It has struggled during the coronavirus pandemic. A tourism spokesperson said the \$30,000 is good value and cheaper than staying in an average hotel.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/anantara-maldives-annual-pass-intl-hnk/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. all-you-can- | a. transfers |
| 2. It sounds too good | b. eat buffets |
| 3. a special, once-in-a- | c. on spa treatments |
| 4. unlimited use | d. lifetime vacation |
| 5. crystal- | e. to be true |
| 6. airport | f. price of \$30,000 |
| 7. discounts | g. clear blue waters |
| 8. all this comes at a hefty | h. of its property |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. an archipelago about 700km | a. an average hotel |
| 2. It has developed into | b. list |
| 3. It is famous for its pristine | c. southwest of India |
| 4. put it on the bucket | d. want seclusion |
| 5. holidaymakers who | e. is good value |
| 6. It has struggled during the | f. a luxurious destination |
| 7. the \$30,000 | g. beaches |
| 8. cheaper than staying in | h. coronavirus pandemic |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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We all know all-you-can-eat buffets, but (1) _____ of an "all-you-can-stay" holiday? It (2) _____ to be true. The luxury Anantara Veli resort in the Maldives has a special, once-in-a-lifetime vacation package - (3) _____ its property for the whole of 2021. Customers will get the use of a bungalow that is perched above the (4) _____ waters of the Indian Ocean. The resort is also throwing in airport transfers, 365 breakfasts, (5) _____ treatments, cooking lessons, and scuba diving. However, all this comes at a (6) _____ \$30,000.

The Maldives (7) _____ about 700km southwest of India. It has developed (8) _____ destination. It is famous for its pristine beaches, palm trees and five-star hospitality. Its marine life has put it on the (9) _____ adventurous scuba divers. Many of its resorts are on private atolls, making it (10) _____ for holidaymakers who want seclusion and privacy in paradise. The Maldives needs international tourism. It has (11) _____ coronavirus pandemic. A tourism spokesperson said the \$30,000 is good value and cheaper than staying in (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RESORTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about resorts in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **resorts** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
