

### 3 Enquiring about cottages

**a** Elena Taffy phones 'Exclusive Cottages' to find out about their accommodation.



Listen to the dialogue and fill in the table on the right by putting a tick (✓) in the correct box.

	all	some	none
1. standard kitchen facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. dishwasher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. shower & bath	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. jacuzzi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. fireplace	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. swimming pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**b** Put 'some' or 'any' into the following sentences.

1. Could you send me \_\_\_\_\_ information about self-catering accommodation, please?
2. Have you got \_\_\_\_\_ accommodation with jacuzzis?
3. I'm sorry, we haven't got \_\_\_\_\_ rooms with a balcony.
4. We've got \_\_\_\_\_ cottages near the sea.
5. We didn't have \_\_\_\_\_ bookings last week.

**Remember your word bank.**

#### Remember

**Some** is used in positive sentences and polite requests.  
**Any** is used in negative sentences and general questions.

**c** Elena Taffy, personal assistant at the DCD company, writes a fax to 'Exclusive Cottages'. Complete the fax using the following words.

*send • advance • confirmation • wishes • booking • Mr • deposit*



FAX  
To: Gordon Scot  
Company: Exclusive Cottages  
Fax No: 00 44 114 262 0666  
Date: 16 January  
No of pages: 1

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ Scot

I'd like to make a firm \_\_\_\_\_ for Strawberry Cottage for one week from 14th May to 21st May. I will \_\_\_\_\_ a cheque for £100 sterling as a \_\_\_\_\_.

Could you please send me a written \_\_\_\_\_ of this booking.

Thank you in \_\_\_\_\_.

Best \_\_\_\_\_

Elena Taffy  
Personal Assistant

### 4 Accommodation

a With a partner draw a word wheel of the different kinds of places you can stay when you are on holiday.



Which accommodation would you choose and why?

**Remember your word bank.**

b Read the following information from these two holiday accommodation brochures. Then fill in the missing words.

single • bath • check (2) • breakfast • deposit (2) • balcony • cancel

fridge • utensils • fireplaces • furniture • deposit • stove • pillows

Elaine's offers three bedrooms; two with king-size beds, private \_\_\_\_\_ and a private \_\_\_\_\_ outside. The third room has a queen-size bed, private bath with a jacuzzi tub. Room rates are based on \_\_\_\_\_ or double rooms. Prices include a full \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning. \_\_\_\_\_ -in is at 4.00 p.m. and \_\_\_\_\_ -out is at 12.00 noon. A first night \_\_\_\_\_ is required on an advance reservation. Cancellation must be 7 days before arrival. Failure to \_\_\_\_\_ may result in loss of your \_\_\_\_\_ .

All our lodge cabins offer fantastic views of the countryside. The cabins vary in theme and colour scheme. Wood and fire starters are provided for the \_\_\_\_\_. Kitchens include a \_\_\_\_\_, a microwave, a \_\_\_\_\_, a toaster, a coffee machine and all the basic cooking and eating \_\_\_\_\_. All cabins have king-size beds with bed linen and \_\_\_\_\_. The lodge cabins provide a mountain cabin feeling, with lots of wooden \_\_\_\_\_ (chairs, tables etc.). One half of the reservation is payable in advance. We allow 4 working days for receipt of the \_\_\_\_\_. The balance is payable on arrival.

**Learning Tip – Reading**

Compare reading in a foreign language to detective work. You won't understand everything the first time so you have to look for clues in the text. Read the text quickly and then go back to areas that were not clear the first time. Sometimes it's possible to guess the meaning of a word from its context.

**C** In groups of four choose one of these unusual types of accommodation in the pictures and write a short text about it. Use as much vocabulary as you can from **4b**.



**Learning Tip – Writing**  
 With writing tasks always concentrate on using the knowledge that you know NOT what you don't know.

Now read your description to the other groups so that they can guess which type of accommodation / picture your group has chosen.

**5 Different cultures: The concept of personal space**

*“You’re breathing down my neck.”*      *“You’re standing on my toe.”*



In Britain and the US personal space – the accepted distance between two people standing next to each other – is about 45 cm. In Japan it is 25 cm and in Brazil it is 20 cm.

How much personal space is typical in your country when talking to each other?  
 How much do you personally feel comfortable with?  
 What’s your experience of other countries?



**6 Sounds**

When saying the English ‘v’ as in ‘van’ make sure not to say it like an ‘f’ as in ‘fan’ as this can lead to misunderstandings.

The English ‘v’ sounds very much like the German ‘w’ sound (e.g. ‘wie’).



Look at the following pairs of words first. Then listen to five words and underline the ones you hear.

- 1. van — fan
- 2. vary — fairy
- 3. very — ferry
- 4. view — few
- 5. vast — fast