

HINDI ROLE-PLAY

– in the hotel –

You are trying to rent hotel rooms in – let us say – Jaipur. You have come as a group and want a room each. You want to stay several weeks so you need to find out about the rooms in quite a lot of detail. For example:

- How much is the rent?
- Do all the rooms have fans?
- Which floor are the rooms on?
- How many people can sleep per room?
- Are towels provided?
- Is there a dhobi, or a place to wash clothes?
- If there are a lot of you, will the rent be reduced?
- Is there somewhere to park the car(s)?
- Are there mostly tourists here?
- Are they Indians or foreigners?
- What kind of food is available?
- Is there vegetarian food available?
- What about alcohol?
- Can you get tea in the morning?
- Is meat cooked in the same place where vegetarian food is made?
- Are the rooms quiet at night?
- Is there a phone/TV/radio in the room?
- Is there a place where valuable things can be locked away?
- What time is the place closed at night?
- Is there a doctor/cinema/post office/bank etc. nearby?
- Are the rooms cleaned every day?
- What is the manager's name; can you speak to him?
- Is there another hotel in this street?

In turn, the manager/receptionist may have some questions and instructions for *you*. Make sure you understand what he says, and if you don't, then ask him to explain again.

SOME USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

किराया m. rent

महँगा / सस्ता cheap / expensive

पंखा m. fan

मंज़िल f. storey, floor

तौलिया m. towel

धोने की जगह a. a place for washing

कम करना to reduce

गाड़ी रखना / खड़ा करना to park the car

टूरिस्ट, पर्यटक m. tourist

देशी; विदेशी adj./m. local; foreign(er)

शाकाहारी, “वेज” vegetarian

शान्त peaceful

शामिल included

मना (invariable) forbidden, prohibited

शान्ति f. peace

शोर m. noise, disturbance

शोर मचाना to make a noise, create a disturbance

आवाज़ f. sound, voice

कीमती valuable

बंद करना to close, lock

ताला लगाना to lock, put a lock on

शिकायत f. complaint (हमने उनसे शिकायत की we complained to them)

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