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## Episode #038

*Booking a Hotel Room in  
English with a Mini Story*

*Hi, dear students!*

I'm Georgiana, founder of [SpeakEnglishPod.com](http://SpeakEnglishPod.com).

My mission is to help YOU to speak English fluently and confidently.

- Today I'll teach you how to **book a hotel room in English**.
- Later you'll **practice your speaking** with a funny **mini story** with questions and answers.

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I know that finding an excellent **hotel** and making a reservation can be stressful, especially if you're **booking a room** at the last minute. In this lesson, I'll give you some tips.

I usually search for a hotel online, and after finding the perfect room, I call to get a better rate. When I call, I make sure to ask if breakfast is included, and how far is the beach from the hotel. Yes... I love going to the beach when I'm on holidays.

Like I just said, before I make a reservation, I check out the hotel online, where I can see the rooms, the location, and the service lists. Sometimes I call and ask for information about the noise level, the walking distance to the restaurants, the beach, etc.

When I'm on a business trip, I make sure I book a very quiet room. I often check into a **single room** which is for one person and has a **full-size bed (double bed)**. I make sure the hotel is equipped with work areas, a gym, a fast Internet connection and a laundry service.

As I just said, whenever I go on holidays my main option is the beach, and I certainly choose a room with a view. The last time I booked a room at the beach, it was my birthday. I've booked a **suite**. A suite is bigger than a standard hotel room and in some hotels, you'll also find an **executive suite** or a **family suite**.

I already mentioned two types of hotel rooms: a **single room** and a suite, but there are other types of hotel rooms:

You may have already booked a **double room** or a **twin room**. Both rooms are for two people. The double room comes with a **full-size bed**, but in twin room the two guests sleep in two separate beds.

Nearly all hotels have a specific **check-in** time. If you arrive earlier, you can sometimes store your luggage in the luggage area of the hotel until your room's ready. If you wish to **check in** early, there's usually an additional charge. When you're ready to check in you simply go to the **reception** (front desk).

And if you need to **check out** later, you'll have to request a **late check-out** the first time you **check in**. If you're lucky, you won't need pay anything extra, but in some cases, I had to pay an extra fee to stay a little more.

Before I continue I'd like to clarify that the words **check in** and **check out** have two different meanings:

When we write down the words **check in/check out** separately, then it's a phrasal verb.

*Example: "We had to check in early last night."*

And when they're written down with a hyphen, **check-in** and **check-out** are adjectives or nouns.

*Example: "Jason signed the check-in sheet in the lobby."*

Now let's get back to our reservation.

It's always a great idea to confirm your reservation a few days in advance.

I like calling them to confirm that my room has a view and **en-suite bathroom**. An en-suite bathroom is a bathroom attached to the bedroom. I also need a Wi-Fi connection and a full **English breakfast**; the English breakfast is usually a big breakfast with toast, eggs, bacon, cereals, etc. There's also the **continental breakfast** which is a small breakfast with croissant, coffee and juice.

And one last tip: After you check in, make sure you **inspect** your room. Before **unpacking** and getting comfortable, make sure everything in your room is just the way you expected. Check for **cleanliness**, sufficient **linens**, and **supplies**.

If you aren't happy with your room's location, or noise-level, you can always politely request to be relocated. If they can't place you in a

similar room, ask if they'll upgrade you to a nicer room or a room with a view.

*Let's continue with a mini story told with questions and answers. It'll help you to practice some of the new vocabulary that I've covered in the first part of the lesson.*

## Mini Story

(Practice your Speaking)

Let's see how the mini story works:

- *I'll give you some information. (A phrase or two).*
- *Don't worry, I'll ask simple questions.*
- *After each question, there will be some seconds of silence: it's your turn to answer the question!*  
*Just try to give an easy and short answer, not a complex one.*
- *After you answer, I'll give you a correct answer.*

*This process will continue, and little by little, I'll be telling a story using questions and answers.*

Let's get started!

**Ann booked a suite with a spectacular view to celebrate her boyfriend's birthday.**

**Did Ann book a suite for her boyfriend?**

Yes. She booked a suite for her boyfriend.

**Why did Ann book the suite?**

To celebrate her boyfriend's birthday.

**Did she book a suite with a spectacular view or a terrible view?**

Not a terrible view. A spectacular view. She booked a suite with a spectacular view.

**After checking in at the front desk Ann and her boyfriend Tom rushed to their suite.**

**Did they check in or check out?**

They didn't check out. They checked in.

**Who checked in?**

Ann and her boyfriend Tom. They checked in at the front desk.

**Where did they go after checking in at the reception?**

They went to their suite.

**Did they walk slowly to their room?**

No. No. They didn't walk slowly. They rushed to their room.

**Who rushed to their room? Their cat?**

No. No. They didn't bring their cat. It was Ann and Tom who rushed to their suite.

**When they got to their suite, Ann opened the door and saw a luxurious room covered in gold.**

**Who got to their suite?**

Ann and Tom. They got to their suite.

**Who opened the door? Ann or Tom?**

Ann. It was Ann who opened the door. Not Tom.

**When did Ann open the door? Before or after getting to their suite?**

Not before getting to their suite. She opened the door after they got to their suite.

**What did Ann see when she opened the door? A dirty old room?**

No. No. Not a dirty old room. She saw a luxurious room covered in gold.

**Was the suite covered in dust?**

No. It wasn't covered in dust. It was covered in gold!

**Tom looked surprised but worried and asked Ann if she had robbed a bank.**

**Did Tom look surprised?**

Yes. He looked surprised.

**Did he look worried or relaxed?**

He didn't look relaxed. He looked worried.

**Did Tom ask Ann if she had robbed a bank or a monastery?**

Not a Monastery. Tom asked her if she had robbed a bank.

**Who asked Ann if she had robbed a bank?**

Tom. He asked Ann if she had robbed a bank.

**Did he ask Ann if she had robbed a monastery?**

No. No. Tom didn't ask Ann if she had robbed a monastery. He asked her if she had robbed a bank.

**The problem here was that they entered the luxurious presidential suite by mistake.**

**What was the problem?**

The problem was that they entered the wrong suite.

**Where did they enter? Their suite or the luxurious presidential suite?**

They didn't enter their suite. They entered the luxurious presidential suite.

**Did they enter the right suite or the wrong suite?**

The wrong suite. They entered the luxurious presidential suite. That wasn't their suite!

*Poor Ann and Tom. It turned out that there had been a little bit of a mix-up (a misunderstanding). The room they entered wasn't just any suite. It was the super luxurious presidential suite. They were a little disappointed when the hotel manager knocked on their door to give them the bad news. However, after this mix-up, the manager offered them free champagne and a generous coupon for the next time they booked a room.*

Great! It's the end of this short story. I hope that you've enjoyed it!

Can you see how many questions you can answer? It's like talking to another person in English. Now imagine a whole story told this way. It's incredible how much you can learn using this method.

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*I'll be back with a new episode next week! Bye! Bye!*



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