

Haunted rooms

Were there any ghosts?

No, but there was a strange noise.

G there was / there were V prepositions: place and movement P silent letters

READING & LISTENING

- Do you believe in ghosts? Are there buildings in your town / city that people think are haunted?
- Read a newspaper article about The Roosevelt Hollywood, a hotel in Los Angeles. With a partner, answer questions 1-5.
 - 1 What famous people stayed in The Roosevelt Hollywood?
 - 2 Which movie did the hotel appear in?
 - 3 Who lived in the hotel in the 1950s?
 - 4 What does Montgomery Clift do to guests in room 924?
 - 5 What happened to a partygoer in the hotel's ballroom?
- 10 8.19 Listen to two guests at the hotel. Did they see a ghost?

Listen again. Who did these things happen to? Check (✓) the correct column(s).

The woman The man

- knew about the ghosts in the hotel.
- woke up during the night.
- heard strange noises.
- felt frightened when he / she heard the noises.
- complained to reception.
- wrote to the hotel after getting home.
- only stayed at the hotel for one night.
- doesn't want to stay at the hotel again.
- Complete the sentences from the article and the listening. What do the verb phrases mean?
 - 1 She got _____ to open the window.
 - 2 We woke _____ at about 3:30 in the morning.
 - 3 The noises stopped and we went _____ to sleep.
 - 4 We checked _____ of the hotel the same morning.
- Would you like to stay in one of the haunted rooms at the Roosevelt Hollywood? Why (not)?

OULD YOU LIKE TO STAY IN A HAUNTED ROOM?

The US is well-known for having houses and hotels with ghosts, but did you know there was one in downtown Hollywood?

The Hollywood Roosevelt is a famous Los Angeles hotel situated near the Chinese Theater. The hotel was built in 1927 and has 300 rooms. In the past, many famous people stayed at the hotel, including

05 Marilyn Monroe, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Prince. Montgomery Clift, who starred in From Here to Eternity, also stayed there while filming the movie. More recently, the hotel appeared in the movie Catch Me if You Can and the TV show Curb Your

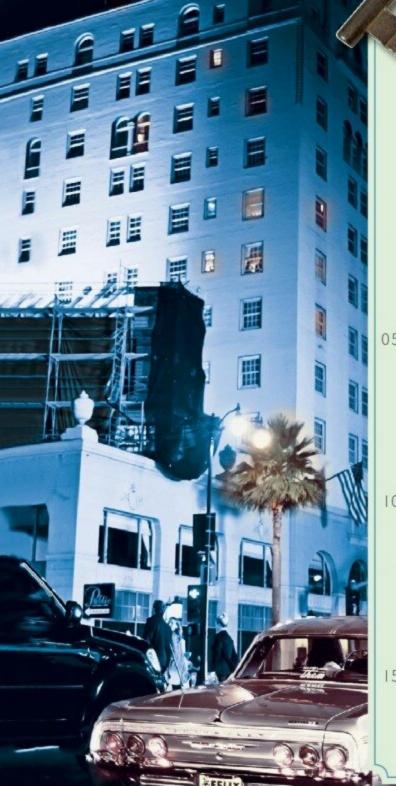
Enthusiasm.

The Hollywood Roosevelt has the reputation of being haunted, especially rooms 1200 and 924. People say the hotel has several ghosts, including Marilyn Monroe who haunts room 1200. She lived there during happier times in the 1950s. Guests say they see Marilyn in the room's mirror. Montgomery Clift appears in room 924. A recent guest in that room reported she got up to open the window and

20 felt someone pat her back. Others say Clift plays the trumpet in the room. In addition, other guests claim to see a young girl in a blue dress walk through the hotel's halls.

When a partygoer went to the hotel's ballroom for an Oscars Viewing Party last March, he reported that a strange thing happened during the event. He posted on Twitter, "Fabulous party, but it was very cold in one part of the ballroom—like ten degrees colder. Weird!" The hotel hosted the first Academy Awards

in 1929. Some psychics say there is a ghost anxiously waiting in this cold spot. Perhaps he is waiting for his Academy Award!



ROOSEVELT

GRAMMAR there was / there were

38.20 Complete the sentences from the listening with was, wasn't, were, or weren't. Then listen and check.

1	There	_ a strange noise outsi	de our door.
2	There	any more strange no	ises.
3	We knew that pe	eople said there	ghosts.
4	There	anybody in that room	n last night.

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3 VOCABULARY prepositions: place and movement

- Read two sentences from the text. Complete with the correct prepositions.
 - 1 Montgomery Clift appears _____ room 924.
 - 2 A young girl in a blue dress walks _____ hotel's halls.

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PRONUNCIATION silent letters

Silent letters

Some English words have a silent letter, e.g., in ghost /goust/ you don't pronounce the h.

38.24 Listen and cross out the silent letter in these words.

could cupboard friend guest half hour island know listen talk what write

b Practice saying the words.

SPEAKING

Was there a TV?) (No, there wasn't.

Communication A haunted room A p.106 B p.111 Look at a photo of a haunted hotel room in the UK. Remember what there was in the room.

VIDEO LISTENING



- Watch the documentary A haunted castle about the four ghosts of Portchester Castle. How many of them are frightening?
- **b** Watch again and complete the sentences.
 - 1 Portchester Castle is more than _____ years old. 2 The castle is part of a charity called _____
 - Heritage. 3 Some workers at the castle leave their jobs because
 - 4 The ghost of a Roman _____ guards the walls of the castle.
 - 5 The ghost of a monk disappears when people at him.
 - 6 The White Lady is the ghost of a woman who died when she tried to save her _____.
 - 7 One of the staff members who saw the ghost of the man on a horse screamed and ran ______.
 - 8 One visitor to the castle heard the sound of on the video that he filmed.
- Would you like to visit Portchester Castle and see a ghost?



8A simple past: regular and irregular

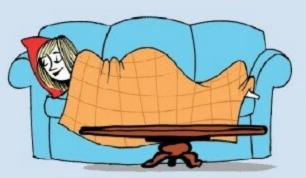
1 was / were and could

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- + Gordon was Jeremy's business partner. They were at his country house.
 - They could hear a strange noise.
- She wasn't at home last night. You weren't very nice to her. I couldn't sleep.
- ? Were you sick yesterday? When was he born? Could you see anybody in the library?
- 2 regular verbs
 - + I really **liked** the present. She wanted to be a doctor.
 - She didn't enjoy the concert. They didn't arrive until very late.
 - ? Did you watch the game last night? When did you finish the book?
- 3 irregular verbs
 - + I went to Paris last summer. She slept on the sofa.
 - He didn't come home last night. They didn't hear the music.
 - ? Did you speak to your sister yesterday? Where did you have lunch?

- 1 The past of be is was / were, and the past of can is could. We add not to make negatives and reverse the subject and verb to make questions.
- 2 Regular verbs add -ed or -d in the simple past \oplus , e.g., want-wanted, like-liked.
- 3 Irregular verbs change their form in the simple past ±, e.g., go-went, see-saw.
- Regular and irregular verbs (except can) use:
 - didn't + base form to make negatives, e.g., I didn't like it. She didn't see him.
 - did + subject + base form to make questions, e.g., Did you want to come? Where did she go?





I went to Paris last summer.

She slept on the sofa.

8B there is / there are, some / any + plural nouns

singular	plural
+ There's a garage. - There isn't a swimming pool. ? Is there a bathroom downstairs?	There are some pictures on the wall. There aren't any plants in the room. Are there any neighbors with children?
✓ Yes, there is. ✗ No, there isn't.	Yes, there are. No, there aren't.

there is / there are

- · We use there is / there are to say that something exists or doesn't exist, e.g., There's a bathroom upstairs. There isn't a bathroom downstairs.
- We use there is + a singular noun and there are + plural nouns.
- There is is often contracted to There's. There are is not usually contracted.
- · When we talk about a list of things, we use there is if the first word in the list is singular or there are if the first word in the list is plural. In my bedroom, there's a bed, two chairs, and a desk. In the living room, **there are** two armchairs and a sofa.

a / an, some, and any

- We often use there is / isn't with a / an, and there are / aren't with some and any.
- We use some and any with plural nouns. Some = not an exact number, e.g., There are some eggs in the refrigerator.
- We use some in ⊕ sentences and any in ⊡ and ②.

There is / There are or It is / They are?

Be careful. There is and It is are different.

There's a key on the table. It's the key to the kitchen.

There are three bedrooms in the apartment. They're all very small.

8C there was / there were

singular	plural	◆8.21
+ There was a big mirror There wasn't a TV. ? Was there a bathroom?	There were four lamps. There weren't any ghosts. Were there any windows?	
✓ Yes, there was. ✓ No, there wasn't.	Yes, there were	

 there was / there were is the past of there is / there are. We use there was / there were to say that something existed or didn't exist, e.g., There were two computers in the office, but there wasn't a printer.

8A

a	Complete the conversation using the simple past of
	the verbs in parentheses.

Α	Where were (b	were (be) you last night at 8:00?		
В	J 1	(be) at home, Detective. With my wife.		
		(be) at home all evening.		
Α	³ What	you	(do)?	
		(watch) TV and then we 5		
			(not be) hungry.	
	After that, we ⁷	⁷ (go) to bed.		
Α	⁸ What time	you	(go) to bed	
В	About 10 o'cloc	k.		
Α	⁹ y	ou	(hear) a noise during	
	the night?			
В	No, I ¹⁰	(not hear) ar	nything.	

b	Complete the sentences with the simple past
	of a verb from the list.

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		not can hear read see sit speak not want	
	They	spoke quietly for a few minutes.	
1	1	very badly last night.	
2	She a strange noise.		
3	We _	find our keys.	
4	1	three books last week.	
5	They	They at the airport at 11:30.	
6	He her with an old friend.		
7	We _	next to each other in class.	
8	You to come.		

8B

a Complete with \pm or ? of There's or There are.

	There's	a dishwasher in the kitchen.	
	Are there	any people in the room?	
1		any books on the shelf?	
2		a bathroom downstairs?	
3		some stairs over there.	
4		a rug on the floor.	
5		some pictures on the wall.	
6		a shower in the bathroom?	
7		some chairs in the yard?	
8		a lamp in the bedroom?	
9		a motorcycle in the garage.	
0		any glasses in the cupboard?)

- b Write + or sentences or ? with there is / are + a / an, some, or any.
 - + trees / the yard
 There are some trees in the yard.
 - 1 + table / the kitchen.
 - 2 ? fireplace / the living room?
 - 3 plants / my apartment.
 - 4 ? people / the yard?
 - 5 + pictures / my bedroom.
 - 6 TV / the kitchen.
 - 7 + computer / the study.
 - 8 cupboards / the dining room.
 - 9 ? bathtub / the bathroom?
 - 10 light / the garage.

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8C

a Complete with the correct form of there was or there were.

Α	How many guests were t	here in the hotel?
В	1	_ four including me.
	2	a Brazilian tourist and
	3	two business people.
Α	4	_ a restaurant?
В	No, ⁵	, but ⁶
	a coffee shop.	
Α	7	_ a TV in your room?
В	Yes, 8	, but ⁹
	any chairs.	
Α	How many beds 10	?
В	One. A double bed.	

b Complete the sentences with there was / were / wasn't / weren't + a, some, or any.

There were some ghosts in the haunted hotel I stayed in.

1 My sister didn't take a shower because

_____ spider in the bathtub.

- 2 We couldn't watch the news because ______
 TV in our room.
- 3 I couldn't sleep on the plane because ______noisy children behind me.
- 4 They couldn't play tennis because _____tennis balls.
- 5 She didn't have a coffee because _____ cups.
- 6 He took a lot of photos because ______beautiful view of the town.
- 7 They couldn't park near the restaurant because



VOCABULARY BANK

Prepositions

1 PLACE

- a Match the words and pictures.
 - in /ɪn/ (the wardrobe)
 - in front of /in frant əv/ (the table)
 - on /an/ (the chair)
 - under /'Andər/ (the bed)
 - 1 behind /bi'haind/ (the sofa)
 - between /bi'twin/ (the windows)
 - across from /əˈkrəs frəm/ (the woman)
 - next to /nɛkst tu/ (the armchair)
 - over /'ouver/ (the mirror)
- b \(\oldsymbol{0} 8.22 \) Listen and check.

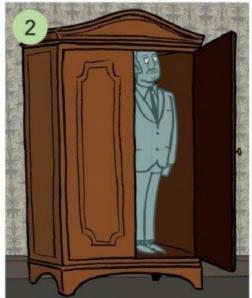
ACTIVATION In pairs, point and ask and answer about the pictures.

Where's the ghost?) (He's under the bed.

above and below

above /əˈbʌv/ is similar to over. below /bɪˈloʊ/ is similar to under.

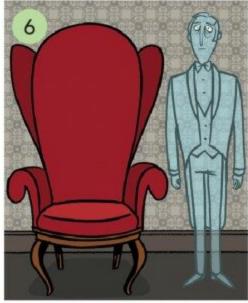


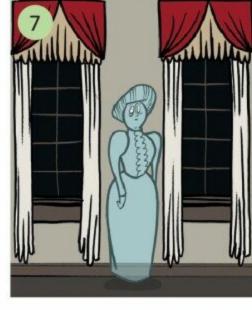
















2 MOVEMENT

- a Match the words and pictures.
 - from /frəm/ (the bedroom) to /tu/ (the bathroom)
 - <u>in</u>to /'ɪntu/ (the wardrobe)
 - out of /aut əv/ (the wardrobe)
 - through /θru/ (the window)
 - up /Ap/ (the stairs)
 - down /daun/ (the stairs)
- b \(\oldsymbol{0} 8.23 \) Listen and check.

ACTIVATION In pairs, point and ask and answer about the pictures.

Where's the ghost going? \(He's going up the stairs.

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