

1. 阅读理解

A family vacation in the Caribbean islands doesn't come cheap. These four affordable but wonderful kidfriendly hotels are ideal for you.

Hilton Nassau Hotel

In the Nassau's shopping district, this hotel is perfectly located to explore the nearby island, Prince George Wharf. Families can be guided to go to Bay Street for shopping or to the historic landmarks like Rawson Square. Then, return to the hotel's pool bar for dining and overlooking Nassau Harbor and Paradise Island. The kids' menu and high chairs make family dining a treat, especially since kids eat for free!

Dreams Palm Beach Hotel

Close to Higuey, this hotel by the sea is just the place to enjoy the feel of Caribbean sand. While adults can be organized to visit Punta Cana, go golfing and go swimming, kids will love the kids' club and the kids' pool. A range of meals from Mexican flavor to Asian and French flavor are offered there, making this hotel stand out. Need more good news? There's a spa to really get adults in the vacation mood.

Sugar Bay Resort

You can feel right at home on your private terrace in this 31acre property. Those who prefer a little action can catch a game of tennis in the gym, or even try surfing or jet skiing. No passport is required to visit the US Virgin Islands. Kids' club is available for those who prefer to stay indoors.

Club Med La Caravelle

This hotel, on the Caribbean island of Grand Terre in Guadeloupe, is ideal for sporty families. You'll find a pool, tennis courts, a gym, and a kids' club where the activities schedule is brilliantly packed to keep your little ones busy all day.

【1】What makes eating in the Hilton Nassau Hotel most pleasant?

- A. Its high chairs. B. There's no charge for kids.
C. The speciallydesigned menu. D. It's great to treat friends there.

【2】How is Dreams Palm Beach Hotel different from the other ones?

- A. Tourists can take part in sports programs.
B. There are clubs and pools designed for kids.
C. It offers a spa to relax tourists and their kids.
D. Tourists can enjoy international foods.

【3】In which hotel can tourists experience the great adventure?

- A. Hilton Nassau Hotel. B. Dreams Palm Beach Hotel.
C. Sugar Bay Resort. D. Club Med La Caravelle.

2. 阅读理解

I was getting ready to go to bed when the phone rang. This could not be good. My mind raced through the list of family members who might need help, but the voice was hardly familiar.

"Lindy, this is Lesley." I didn't know Lesley well. We did occasionally speak with each other, but to say we were friends was not appropriate. I asked what she needed. Perhaps something really awful caused her to reach someone she barely knew. Instead, she asked me, "Do you have room for a turkey? In your freezer?" We had lots of room in our freezer, and in fact, too much. a&Sure." I responded, "Did your freezer break down?" "Not exactly," Lesley replied, "but I will explain when I arrive."

Minutes later came a huge freezer truck, Lesley stepped down and explained the lease(租约) of the grocery store her husband serviced had run out and that they had to empty all the freezers that very night. Thinking it was a shame to throw away all this good food, they decided to drop off food to anyone she could think of. Noticing our freezer was pretty empty, Lesley asked to fill it up. Our home was their last stop and anything left would have to be put in our freezer. An hour later, everything finished, I asked her, "When will you come back for all this?" Lesley laughed, "We don't want it back. It is yours! Thanks for helping us out!" Then they waved goodbye and drove away.

"For helping them out?" We opened our freezer door. Inside were all expensive foods we never bought but often longed to try. We were struggling to buy groceries, yet it was not something we shared with anyone. However, our needs were met in an unexpected way, by that call, "Do you have room for a turkey?"

【1】How did the writer feel when she heard the phone ringing?

- A. Angry. B. Anxious.
C. Shocked. D. Relieved.

【2】What does the author indicate by the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. They were running out of food supplies. B. Their freezer was too large to fill.
C. They were glad to put the turkey in the freezer. D. Their freezer was less frequently used.

【3】Why did Lesley call up the writer?

- A. Because she didn't want food to go to waste. B. Because the writer was her good friend.
C. Because something awful had happened. D. Because she knew the writer was in need.

【4】What can be a suitable title for the text?

- A. A friend on speaking terms. B. Who is my angel?
C. Unexpected bargains. D. Do you have room for a turkey?

3. 阅读理解

For many of us, our workplace can be dark, depressing and dull. Windowless rooms and airless open-plan floors can kill motivation and cause a loss to worker performance, possibly even their health.

But a refreshing trend is taking root in workplace design: nature. There's a growing evidence showing that workplaces which include natural elements, such as plants, light, colors and shapes, have noticeable and measurable benefits for both companies and their employees.

The positive effects touch on everything from worker happiness and creativity to increased productivity, improved profits, and the improved ability to attract the best workers. It's all based on the principle of biophilia (亲生命性) — the born relationship between humans and the natural world and other living systems. And it's easier to achieve at the office than you think.

"People just don't like using lights in a building with no plants, no views, no natural light," says Sir Cary Cooper CBE, professor at Lancaster University in the UK. He led a 2015 study on the impact of biophilia in the workplace that surveyed 7,600 workers in 16 countries and found that even small nature-inspired changes can have a great effect.

Responding to the Human Spaces Global Report, those who worked in environments with natural elements reported a 15% higher level of well-being, a 6% higher level of productivity and a 15% higher level of creativity. One third of them said the design of an office would affect their decisions to work for a company. Even so, 58% said there were no live plants at their workplaces and 47% reported having no natural light.