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## Reading Exam

## ENGLISH FILE

EOI Exam Power Pack (Intermediate cycle)

## PART 1

Read the introduction to *Potter's Guide to Britain* about places to stay in Britain. Match paragraphs 1–5 with sentences A–H. There are two sentences you don't need to use. Paragraph 0 is the example.

PARAGRAPH	0	1	2	3	4	5
SENTENCE	G					

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**EOI Topic:** Travel and transport  
**See:** *English File third edition* Intermediate  
 File 3A; Writing 4

- A The guide says many places don't make guests feel really welcome.
- B The guide recommends places that pay attention to special features and services.
- C The guide says breakfast in hotels is often more expensive and not as good as in bed and breakfasts or inns.
- D The guide suggests a lack of freedom in some places can be annoying for guests.
- E The guide says the general quality of food is better than it was in the past.
- F The guide says breakfast is often too heavy and overcooked.
- G *The guide recommends places that are in a beautiful environment and are easy to reach.*
- H The guide recommends places with many different types of atmosphere and look.

## PART 1

***Potter's Guide to Britain***

When it comes to choosing the right place to stay in Britain, there is no single ingredient that will make your choice absolutely perfect. For a great holiday experience, it's important to consider a number of issues. In our updated introduction to the new edition of *Potter's Guide to Britain*, we tell you what's key to consider when you're making your holiday decisions.

**Paragraph 0, example**

Your key to a successful holiday is location. In this new edition of *Potter's Guide to Britain* we've carefully selected a wide variety of hotels, pubs, inns, and bed and breakfasts, specifically for their unique locations. Set in picturesque villages, on the seaside, and in rural surroundings, all listings are within easy reach of more central towns and cities of historical or cultural interest.

**Paragraph 1**

When you're travelling on holiday, there's nothing like a good breakfast to set you up for a busy day of touring or sightseeing. A well-cooked, hearty, traditional English breakfast of bacon, eggs, toast, sausages, and beans can keep you going until dinner time! We guarantee that most of the inns and bed and breakfasts recommended in this latest *Potter's Guide* will serve up a quality, affordable breakfast much better than any you'll find in well-known hotels.

**Paragraph 2**

Satisfying your personal tastes in style and decor is important when choosing where you want to stay. Whether you want a minimalist boutique hotel or an antique mansion, getting the right ambience can make a big difference to the enjoyment of your stay. *Potter's Guide* offers you a comprehensive overview of some of the most interesting hotels to stay at, giving you full details of decor and furnishings. You'll find everything from the rustic to the oriental detailed in our listings.

**Paragraph 3**

Intrusive rules and signs telling the guests what they can or cannot do can be very frustrating. No one wants to stay in a hotel run more for the benefit of its owner than for your own personal comfort. From our experience, some of the most annoying things about hotels include: limited breakfast hours; locked hotel doors after midnight; restrictions on where children can eat and play. Follow our *Guide* for the best advice on the most flexible and comfortable places to stay and dine out to meet your personal needs.

**Paragraph 4**

It's attention to the finer details of life that often makes a place special. *Potter's Guide* has selected hotels and bed and breakfasts where you'll always get a friendly welcome. Do you want to find fresh flowers, tea, and complimentary biscuits in your room? Helpful porters that carry your bags without you feeling any obligation to leave them a tip? See our detailed hotel and restaurant profiles.

**Paragraph 5**

Historically, British food hasn't had a great reputation, but you'll be amazed at what is served up these days in many British pubs and inns. Things have changed over the last decade with young, up-and-coming chefs building their reputations in lesser-known establishments. You don't need to go to a pretentious or expensive restaurant with Michelin stars to have a fabulous meal out. Check out our list of eatery recommendations. You'll find great, modern, well-presented food that's made using the best of local ingredients.