

Before you read the story


1 My dream holiday

- a) How can you spend your holidays? Where can you go and how can you get there?

England • Scotland • America • Italy • car • train • plane • ...

- b) Where can you stay and what can you do there?

hotel • B&B • campsite • go swimming • go hiking • go sightseeing • go to a funfair • ...

-  c) What is your dream holiday? Talk about it with a partner.

2 At a funfair



- a) Look at the pictures. What can you do at a funfair?

ride • ghost train • big wheel • rollercoaster • go to • listen to • bagpipes • hall of mirrors • eat • ice cream

- b) What is your favourite attraction at a funfair? Why? Talk about it with your partner.

funfair ['fʌnfɛə] Vergnügungspark

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1 The Ghost of Glasgow

1 “Take the second exit off the roundabout,” said the voice from the satnav.

“Are we nearly there?” asked Beth, from the back of the family car, sitting next to her brother Andy.

5 “That’s the third time you’ve asked the same question in the last ten minutes,” said Andy.

“So what?”

“Well, you’re getting on my nerves.”

“Stop complaining, you two,” said their mother.

10 Their father added, “We’re almost there. The hotel is just another few streets away.”

The local news played on the car radio: *The Ghost of Glasgow has struck again. This is the fourth bank where someone has emptied all the private safe deposit boxes there.*

15 *Like before there are no signs of a forced entry ...*

1 “Why can’t we go somewhere in America for a holiday? Why Glasgow?” asked Andy.

“Because America is much too expensive for us,” answered Mrs Coleman.

5 “Look,” said Beth, “A funfair!”

“It’s an amusement park, not a funfair. In America it’s called an amusement ...”

“We’re not in America.”

10 “That’s right, Beth,” said Mr Coleman. “We’re in bonny Scotland, and here’s our hotel, the Crescent Arms!”

“Wow,” said Andy. “The amusement park is right next to the hotel. Let’s check it out.”

“It’s a funfair,” said Beth. “And I want to go there too! When can we go, Dad?”

15 “You can both go, but not tonight. You know that your mum and I are going to the theatre a bit later.”



to get on somebody's nerves [nɜːvz] jemandem auf die Nerven gehen • **to empty** [ˈempti] leeren • **safe deposit box** [ˈseɪf ˌdɪpəzɪt ˌbɒks] Tresorfach • **forced entry** [ˌfɔːst ˈentri] gewaltsames Eindringen

amusement [əˈmjʊːzmənt] Belustigung, Vergnügen, *hier*: Vergnügungs- • **to check out** [ˌtʃek ˈaʊt] sich etwas anschauen, etwas auschecken

1 “You have reached your destination,” said the satnav.
 “Your destination is on the left.”

Mr Coleman followed the signs to the underground car park and parked into a space next to a black van and a blue
 5 SUV. From the boot of the car they took out their bags and suitcases. From the opposite wall a grey metal door with a small window opened and a hotel maid walked out, pulling an empty laundry trolley.

“Excuse me,” said Mr Coleman to the maid. “But can you
 10 tell me the way to reception?”

She wore a uniform with a name on the jacket that said ‘Gail McGregor’.

“Of course,” said Gail. “Just follow me.”

As Andy and Beth followed behind them, pulling their
 15 cases, Beth whispered, “She’s got a really strong Scottish accent.”



to reach [ri:tʃ] erreichen • **destination** [destɪ'neɪʃn] Ziel • **SUV (sport utility vehicle)** [esju:'vi:] Geländewagen • **boot** [bu:t] Kofferraum • **maid** [meɪd] Zimmermädchen • **reception** [ri'sepʃn] Rezeption

1 “Well, we *are* in Scotland now, Beth,” joked Andy. “You’ll
 get used to it.”

The receptionist was busy talking to a tall man with black hair, and in a black coat.

5 “I hope you enjoyed your stay, Mr Smith,” said the receptionist, a man with white hair and wearing glasses.

Mr and Mrs Coleman waited at the reception desk. Mrs Coleman opened her bag to take out their passports. Andy and Beth went over to a giant TV and sat down on the sofa there.

10 The news was on:

The police don't have a clue how the so-called Ghost of Glasgow managed to get into the banks and open the locks to all the safe deposit boxes. He or she took more than 2.4 million pounds worth of cash and jewellery. Someone saw a black van in the vicinity but the police couldn't read the number plates on the CCTV recordings. There is a reward of 50,000 pounds for any information that would lead to the arrest of the Ghost of Glasgow ... This is Fiona McKenna reporting from outside the Bank of Glasgow. Back to the studio.

receptionist [ri'sepʃnɪst] Rezeptionist, Rezeptionistin • **lock** [lɒk] Schloss • **CCTV** [si:si:ti:'vi:] Videoüberwachung • **reward** [ri'wɔ:d] Belohnung • **arrest** [ə'rest] Verhaftung, Haft