

CHAPTER 4: THE UNDERWATER HOTEL



BEFORE YOU READ. Look at the picture and read the title of the story.

1. Circle your answers and write them on the lines.

Where is this woman? She's _____

1. On land
2. Underwater
3. In space

This woman is _____

1. Exercising
2. Scuba diving
3. Fishing

She is wearing _____

1. A bathing suit
2. A business suit
3. A wet suit

2. Write your answers on the lines.

1. Why do people go underwater like this? _____

2. Did you ever do this activity? _____

THE UNDERWATER HOTEL

Last year, the Kubota family took a vacation to Key Largo, Florida, in the U.S. When they arrived, they did not walk or drive to their hotel. They swam to their hotel. The Kubota family went to Jules' Undersea Lodge. This unusual hotel is 21 feet (6.4 m) underwater.

Jules' Undersea Lodge was not always a hotel. Years ago, it was a laboratory for scientists. The scientists studied fish and plants in the ocean. Two scientists, Neil Monney and Ian Koblick, decided to change the lab into a hotel. The two scientists studied ocean life for many years. They also built underwater labs. They knew that people enjoyed looking at fish, and swimming with them, too.

Guests at the lodge must know how to scuba dive before they go to the hotel. The Kubota family didn't know how to dive, so they took a three-hour class first. Then they all put on wet suits. They dove down to the hotel together. Before they entered the lodge, they stopped at the "wet room." There they took off their wet suits and they dried off. Then they entered the hotel.

Jules' undersea lodge is not very big. There are two bedrooms, a bathroom, and a living room. There are large windows, a TV, and a telephone. It looks like a regular hotel on the inside, but there are fish outside the windows. Each room in the hotel has large, round windows. Sometimes the fish stop at the windows to look inside!

The Kubota family enjoyed their unusual vacation. They enjoyed watching the fish and swimming with them too.

READ ON TWO

1. **MAIN IDEA.** What is the most important idea of the story? (Circle the letter)

- 1. The Kubota family learned to scuba dive before they went to the hotel.
- 2. Jules' Undersea Lodge is an underwater hotel
- 3. Jules' Undersea Lodge looks like a regular hotel on the inside.

2. **JUST THE FACTS.** Put a "T" if the sentence is true and an "F" if it is false

- 1. Jules' Undersea Lodge is in Key Largo, Florida.
- 2. Jules' Undersea Lodge is a laboratory for scientists
- 3. The Kubota family built the underwater hotel.
- 4. Some scientists study ocean life
- 5. Jules' Undersea Lodge is a very big hotel
- 6. Guests at Jules' Undersea Lodge can swim with fish.

True False

✓	

3. **LEARN NEW WORDS.** Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

Ago dive guests ~~hotel~~ laboratory regular swam

- 1. Jules' Undersea Lodge is a hotel under the water. It has two bedrooms, a bathroom, and a living room.
- 2. People who stay at a hotel are _____
- 3. The Kubota family learned to scuba _____ before they went to the hotel.
- 4. Jules' Undersea Lodge has bedrooms and a TV like a _____ hotel.
- 5. Last year, the Kubota family _____ underwater with the fish.
- 6. Scientists often work in a _____.
- 7. Jules' Undersea Lodge was not always a hotel. Tears _____ it was a laboratory for scientists.

READ ON TWO

4. **CORRECT THE SENTENCES.** The underlined parts are wrong. Write the sentences with the correct information.

1. Key Largo, Florida is 21 feet under water.

Jules' Undersea Lodge is 21 feet underwater

2. The two scientists changed the hotel into a lab because people enjoy the ocean life.

3. The Kubota family stopped at the "wet room" to look at the fish.

4. The lodge looks like a regular hotel on the outside.

5. The Kubota family didn't know how to dive, so they went home.

5. **TALK IT OVER.** Jules' Undersea Lodge IS NOT A REGULAR HOTEL. Why is it unusual? Write three reasons and talk about them to your classmates.

JULES' UNDERSEA LODGE IS UNUSUAL BECAUSE...

It is underwater

6. **THINK IT OVER.** Why do some people go to Jules' Undersea Lodge? Share three ideas with the class.

SOME PEOPLE LIKE TO GO TO JULES' UNDERSEA LODGE BECAUSE...

They like to see fish

7. **WRITE IT DOWN.** DO you want to visit Jules' Undersea Lodge? Why or why not? Write 2-3 sentences and share them with the class.

I (want/don't want) to visit Jules' Undersea Lodge because

CHAPTERS 3 AND 4 - ACTIVITY MENU

1. **TIE IT TOGETHER.** Think about the places in chapters three and four. Then complete the chart.

	Twins Restaurant	Jules' Undersea Lodge
1. It is an unusual place	✓	✓
2. People eat there		
3. People swim there		
4. It has bedrooms		
5. It has a bathroom		
6. Only twins work there		
7. It has a telephone		
8. In is underwater		
9. It is in New York		
10. It is in the U.S.		

2. **WRITE IT DOWN.** Think about Twins Restaurant and Jules' Undersea Lodge. How are they similar? How are they different? Complete the chart below.

TWINS RESTAURANT AND JULES' UNDERSEA LODGE	
They are similar because...	They are different because...
<i>They are unusual</i>	<i>The restaurant is in New York and the hotel is in Florida</i>

3. JUST FOR FUN. Complete the activity with a partner.

1. Unscramble the following sentences.

Example:

People <i>Some</i>	Like <i>People</i>	Unusual <i>Like</i>	Visit <i>To</i>	Some <i>Visit</i>	Places <i>Unusual</i>	To <i>places</i>	_____
1) Restaurant	Have	The	Double	Twins	Twins	at	Fun
2) Fish	People	Unusual	This	Swim	With	Hotel	At

2. Now write two scrambled sentences. Ask your partner to unscramble them.

1)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

2)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

4. TALK IT OVER. Tell your classmates about an unusual place you know. Then write your answer and your classmates' answers in the chart.

CITY	UNUSUAL PLACE	WHY IS IT UNUSUAL?

5. GO ONLINE. Look at Activity 4 and choose one of the unusual places on the chart. Use an Internet search engine like Google and type in the name of the place. Find a Web site for that place and write the Web address here.
