

THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE

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Chapter One

Words to Learn

bellboy: *n.* A hotel worker who carries travelers' luggage

croquet: *n.* A game in which players use mallets to hit balls through metal wickets

vacancy: *n.* An opening

dreadful: *adj.* Frightening; very unpleasant

threadbare: *adj.* Worn down; shabby

Newspaper Activities

Write a Review

Write a review of the Mountain View Inn to be published in the travel section of a newspaper. Begin with a description of the hotel. Then, explain why readers should or should not stay at the hotel. Include at least two reasons to support your point of view.

Create an Advertisement

Create an advertisement for the Mountain View Inn. Look at advertisements in the newspaper and make a list of the qualities they share, such as illustrations, photographs, descriptions and testimonials from satisfied customers. Then, gather information about the hotel from Chapter 1. Your ad should include a brief description of the hotel's best qualities and imaginary quotations from happy customers. Have students illustrate their ads with an appealing illustration or photograph of the hotel.



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