



DOUBLE MEANING OF “FREE”

DOUBLE MEANING OF “FREE”

Don't say: “There is Wi-Fi free.”

Say: “There is free Wi-Fi.”

If we use **free** before the word, it means “free of charge.” If we use **free** after the word, it means there is “no Wi-Fi.”

AT THE HOTEL RECEPTION

R: Good afternoon, sir. What can I do for you?

V: We are businessmen from the Czech Republic. Reservations have been made to **accommodate** 16 people.

R: Oh, yes, sir. 8 double rooms, for a **fortnight**.

V: Sorry, but we now need 7 double rooms and 2 single rooms.

R: I'm sorry, sir. But we are having a big international conference here this week, and we are completely **booked out**. You should really have **mentioned** the change when you **confirmed** your reservation.

V: Yes, I **suppose** I should have, but do you think you could do something now? We need the single rooms for our top **executives**.

R: Top executives. Are they going to stay for a fortnight?

V: No, about a week.

R: Then, you can have two single rooms on the first floor.

V: Thank you, you've been very helpful. How much are the rooms?

R: Single rooms are \$60 and doubles \$90 a day. Please **fill in** your arrival card and **sign** here, please. Here's your key.

V: Is there a Wi-Fi connection?

R: Yes, sure, there is free Wi-Fi in all hotel **premises**.

V: Thank you.



VOCABULARY

accommodate – ubytovat

fortnight – 14 dní

book out – plně zarezervován

mention – zmínit

confirm – potvrdit

suppose – předpokládat, připouštět

executive – řídící pracovník

fill in – vyplnit

sign – podepsat

premises – prostory

QUIZ:

Complete sentences with “free” before or after the word.

1. This cake is _____ sugar _____. Don't worry, you won't get fat.
2. I wonder if they have _____ Wi-Fi _____ in this hotel.
3. There is _____ admission _____ to this museum.
4. Sorry, but you aren't allowed to smoke here. This is a _____ smoke _____ area.

Key: 1) sugar free 2) free Wi-Fi 3) free admission 4) smoke-free