Elementary my dear spy...

– Good evening !

– Hi !

– My name's John Spy. I'm a detective and I'm looking for a very dangerous criminal, a psycho killer...I have information that he's staying at this hotel. His name's Patrick Bails.

– A psycho killer ? Er...Let's have a look ! Yes ! There's a **P** Bails who **CHECKED IN** this afternoon. This person is staying in room 203.

– I want the nearest room to 203 ; it's of vital importance.

– OK. You can stay in room 204 which is right next door to 203.

– Good but let me ask you some questions first.

– Me ? But I **DIDN'T SEE** the guy. When he **CHECKED IN**, I **WAS CARRYING** luggage upstairs. You see, a large group of doctors **ARRIVED** from California today and I...

– **WAS** this guy Bails actually **CHECKING IN** when the group of doctors **ARRIVED** ?

– I have no idea. As I **SAID**, I **DIDN'T SEE** the guy. I **WAS LOOKING** *(?)* at the reception. I **HAD** to carry like two hundred suitcases upstairs and I didn't...

– **WAS** it 3:00 o'clock when the doctors **ARRIVED** ?

– No, it **WAS** later, about 4:30pm or was it 5:15pm...sorry but I don't know exactly.

– Try to remember ! It's really important.

– Ok. No, no...Sorry but I can't remember but...is this guy that dangerous ? Why are you going through so much trouble looking for him ? What **DID** he **DO**?

– He **HAD** a panic attack and **KILLED** five people from his family last Friday when they **WERE HAVING** dinner. Then, two of his neighbours **CAME** to see what **WAS HAPPENING** and he **KILLED** them too. He **SHOT** both of them. Bang ! Bang !

– Oh my god. And he's staying at this hotel.

- So, now that you understand how important it is, I'd like to ask you some questions.
- Sure but I don't think my information will be very useful to you.
- Everything is useful my dear bellhop, everything. For example : what **WERE** you **DOING** when the group of doctors **ARRIVED** ?
- I **WAS STANDING** at the door.
- And what **DID** you **DO** then ?
- I **WELCOMED** them to the hotel and I **HELPED** them with their luggage.
- Mmh...And what **WERE** the doctors **DOING** while you **WERE CARRYING** their luggage upstairs ?
- Let me remember...While I **WAS CARRYING** their luggage, three or four doctors **WERE CHECKING IN** and the others **WERE GOING** to their room.
- Jeff (?) !
- What's going on here ?
- Detective Spy's looking for Bails, a psycho killer who **CHECKED** in this afternoon and is now here.
- What ? Mrs Bails, a criminal ? How strange ! That old lady looks so nice and so peaceful.
- Mmh...Isn't it Mr Bails ?
- No...there's no Mr Bails staying here...
- Who's P Bails from room 203 ?
- That's Mrs Pamela Bails.
- How come ? Isn't this the Hermitage Hotel ?
- No ! It's the Heritage Hotel.
- Ah, ah...
- Thank God, Mr Killer is not here. How far is the Hermitage hotel ?

Mousepotato

Vocabulary :

Rappel : le vocabulaire est toujours défini en contexte ! Un même mot peut avoir des sens différents selon les contextes.

a bellhop (n) = a bellboy (US) = un chasseur (rien à voir avec la palombe ou au sanglier...), un porteur, un groom
a psycho (n) = un psychopathe

check in (v) = s'enregistrer, se présenter à la réception dans un hôtel
check out (v)= régler sa note d'hôtel, quitter l'hôtel, libérer sa chambre

stay(v) = rester, séjourner, loger

near (adj) = close
the nearest room = la chambre la plus proche (nearest est un superlatif)

Luggage = baggage (Am English) Attention ! Luggage est un indénombrable
Information = renseignements, informations Attention ! C'est aussi un indénombrable.

A suitcase (n) = une valise

Carry (v) = porter, transporter

Trouble = mal, peine ...Attention, trouble est indénombrable.
Go to a lot of trouble = se donner beaucoup de mal
Go through...

A panic attack (n) = une crise de panique

Shoot / shot / shot (v) = tirer / tuer

Stand / stood / stood (v) = se lever / se trouver