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PRIMARY ASSEMBLY HOTEL NECESSITA ASSEMBLY

Welcome to Hotel Necessita, where there are rooms to suit every budget. But if your budget is small, you have to choose between what you need the most, just like many people around the world have to do in real life. This fun role play introduces the idea of tough choices, like those made by farmers living on low incomes every day.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Learners understand that we all have needs
- Learners empathise with people who cannot meet all their needs
- Learners understand that we are connected to those who grow our food

YOU WILL NEED:

2 learners to play the customer and receptionist at the Hotel Necessita

If your school is holding virtual assemblies, you could have the characters in the role play in separate classes, talking to each other through the camera, or two characters in one class. Make sure everyone can hear the role-players!

TEACHER'S SCRIPT

During Fairtrade Fortnight we are asking people to think about the world they want to see, and how they can help to shape the world they want to see. There are many things we can do.

Life is tough for producers of coffee, bananas, cocoa and many, many more products that we buy and enjoy. They may have to choose between providing nutritious food for their families, getting medicines when they are ill, and paying for ways to protect their homes and farms from the changes we see happening in our climate.

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We all know how important it is to care for our environment. Everything on the planet depends on nature for its needs. For air that we breathe, water we drink, the food that comes from the plants that grow in the soil we need to care for, trees to provide shade, and the weather to grow food and keep warm

And the things we enjoy for fun – rivers to swim in, trees to climb, birds to watch, beautiful places to visit.



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Supporting the people who grow the things we love so that they can survive and thrive is part of looking after our planet and everything on it. We all need food, water, air, shelter and safety no matter where we are on the planet.

ROLE PLAY SCRIPT

Rec	Welcome to Hotel Necessita. How can I help you?
Cust	I'd like a room for tonight, please.
Rec	Certainly. We have plenty of rooms available for tonight, to suit every budget. Can I ask what do you need in your room?
Cust	Oh, the basics. A bed, a bathroom. Oh! And do you have a kettle to make tea and coffee?
Rec	Ah of course. We have a very nice room with a bed, bathroom, and a kettle.
Cust	Excellent. How much is that?
Rec	That is fifty pounds for tonight.
Cust	Thank you.
Rec	<i>The receptionist gives the customer the key and customer walks away. A moment later customer returns.</i>
Rec	Is everything ok with your room?
Cust	No, it's not. There is no window in my room, I could hardly breathe, and no light. I bashed my head when I walked in there and then tripped over the bed. I can't see anything.
Rec	Ah yes, I am sorry but you only asked for a basic room with a bed, a bathroom and a kettle, I believe? You didn't say you needed air or light.
Cust	(exasperated) Of course I need air and light. Everyone needs those.
Rec	Ok, I can upgrade you to the bronze room, for £60 for tonight. <i>The receptionist hands over the key and the customer walks away, but returns quickly</i>
Rec	Is everything ok with your room? This room has plenty of air and light, eh?
Cust	No, it's not ok. I walked into my room and there is no roof! And only 3 walls.
Rec	Indeed, I thought you would like all the air and light.
Cust	It is freezing cold and raining! I can't sleep in there. I need protection from the weather.
Rec	Ah. I am sorry, you only said you needed a bed, a bathroom, a kettle, air and light. You didn't say anything about protection from the weather.
Cust	Right. So, I need a bed, a bathroom, a kettle, air, light, protection from the weather.
Rec	I can upgrade you into a silver room, it is £70. It has all those things.
Cust	Please do. I would like to get settled in my room.
	<i>The receptionist hands over the key and the customer walks away, but returns quickly</i>



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Rec	Is everything ok with your room?
Cust	No, it's not ok. I walked into my room and I went to the bathroom and there is no water in the taps.
Rec	Ah. I am sorry, you only said you needed a bed, a bathroom, a kettle, air, light and protection from the weather. You didn't say anything about water.
Cust	Why would I want a bathroom or a kettle but no water?
Rec	You didn't say you needed it.
Cust	I need water.
Rec	I can upgrade you into a gold room, it is £80. It has all those things.
Cust	Please do.
Rec	Is there anything else you need?
Cust	Is the room heated because its really very cold tonight and I need to warm up.
Rec	Ah, heat is another £10. So that will take you up to £90.
Cust	[Sighs] OK. I need some dinner. Can I get room service?
Rec	You can....but only in a platinum room. It is £100 for a platinum room. Plus the extra cost of your dinner.
Cust	But I only have £90
Rec	Ah, no dinner.
Cust	I need dinner.
Rec	Then....how about going back into the room with no roof?

SUMMARY

Hotel Necessita is a fun example, but lots of people around the world really do have to choose between the things they need, especially if they make small amounts of money. Right now, many farmers around the world are feeling the effects of extreme weather, and they are unable to afford to make changes to protect themselves from the changing weather.

It is another reason why farmers need to be paid fairly for their hard work. We might not always think about it, but the effect of our choices can be felt very far away and it is up to us to find out where our food comes from. Is a good deal really a good deal if it means a bad deal for somebody else?

This is [or 'next week is etc'] Fairtrade Fortnight. Our school is getting involved by....