1. Tick the five adjectives you can use to describe a hotel:
   a. quiet
   b. nice
   c. secluded
   d. delicious
   e. luxury

2a. Read

   Where do you want to go on holiday?

   Hmm...I don't know really but somewhere off the beaten track, without loads of tourists.

   Sounds good to me. I love quiet, relaxing places.
2b. Complete

The hotel we went to last year was fantastic; it was totally ___________________.
In fact, it isn't in any guide books and so we were the only foreign tourists.

Glossary:
foreign = straniero

3. Read these travel idioms and match each one to the correct meaning

a. Jenny and Lisa are in the same boat; they have both failed their maths exam.
b. I can't stay for another coffee; it's time to hit the road.
c. I'm so angry at you I want you to take a hike and leave me alone.
d. That cup of tea was just the ticket; I feel much better now.
e. Teenagers often drive their parents up the wall with their loud music and untidy bedrooms.

1. to go away
2. were in the same situation
3. make their parents crazy
4. to leave
5. was the perfect thing

4. Write

a. A cup of coffee is ______________ to wake you up in the morning.
b. The celebrity told the photographer “stop following me and ________________”.
c. The dog barks all night and _____________ the neighbours ____________.
d. Jack and Rob are both in trouble with the teacher; but at least they ________________ .
e. Mike loved visiting his family but after a week it was time to ________________.
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1. Can’t use 'delicious'

2b. The hotel we went to last year was fantastic; it was totally off the beaten track. In fact, it isn’t in any guide books and so we were the only foreign tourists.

3.

   a. 2
   b. 4
   c. 1
   d. 5
   e. 3

Ask the students some questions to elicit use of the idioms after they have completed the sentences to enable freer practice. For example:

Tell your partner something that drives you up the wall
4.

a. A cup of coffee is just the ticket to wake you up in the morning.

b. The celebrity told the photographer “stop following me and take a hike”.

c. The dog barks all night and drives the neighbours up the wall.

d. Jack and Rob are both in trouble with the teacher; but at least they are in the same boat.

e. Mike loved visiting his family but after a week it was time to hit the road.