

Tourism: Pleasure, Profit or Nightmare?

Everybody likes travelling but is it always positive? Are there any drawbacks? This file is going to deal with this topic so when you work with your mate try to get a good answer to this question and explain your own point of view to your partner.



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Discuss with your partner:

- Do you like travelling? How often do you travel?
- What kind of traveller do you consider yourself to be?
- What is your favourite destination? Why?
- Where would you most like to go if you could?

Why do we travel?

There are many reasons for visiting places. Look at this list and put them in the order of preference or importance.

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| A. Meeting new different people | 1. _____ |
| B. Getting to know the local culture | 2. _____ |
| C. Visiting the sights and museums | 3. _____ |
| D. Taking photos and publishing them in social networks | 4. _____ |
| E. Relaxing | 5. _____ |
| F. Having fun with friends | 6. _____ |
| G. Gaining experience to get a job | 7. _____ |

When you finish, compare your list with your partner and see what differences you can find between them. Discuss about those differences and try to get more reasons for travelling, if possible.

How do you travel?

Have you ever tried [couch-surfing](#)? If so, what was the experience like? If not, would you like a try? Would you put up a stranger at home? Give reasons for your answer.

Look at this list of tasks to take into account when you organize a trip and discuss with your partner if you go through all these steps when you are thinking of travelling. Which ones are the most relevant from your point of view? Is there anything missing?

- Choose your destination
- Plan what to do and visit
- Think about your budget: food, tickets, accommodation, currency...
- Make sure you get the necessary travelling documents: passport, visa, insurance...
- Share your memories: Facebook, Instagram, photos, souvenirs.

Living on Tourism

Tourism is one of the most profitable business in some places. Is this the case of your country? Is your town/village a touristic place? If so, is it positive for the local people? Are there any drawbacks? Discuss with your mate about this topic and find 3 advantages and 3 disadvantages of living in a touristic place. Compare your choice.

ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____

Feelings and reactions in favour and against tourists.

Tourists raise very different feelings on local people. In some places tourists are not welcome. Here you are a video about the problems caused in certain places in Spain; watch the video and share your opinion with your partner: click [here](#)

Here are some photos taken in different touristic places. How do you feel when you look at these images? Do you think they present a problematic view of tourism? In what way? There is a blank wall for you to write your own message in reaction to these images. Share your views and experiences with your partner.

	<p>TOURISTS GO HOME</p>	
<p>Write here your comments</p>		

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Role play activity

Choose one of the roles and discuss with your partner. Try to give reasons to support your opinion. Then you can swap roles. To do this you will need this [useful language](#):

- **Student A:** you are a local business owner who profits from tourism. You are in favour of increasing the number of visitors to your city.
- **Student B:** you are a local resident of the the citycentre ana you are for having reducing the number of visitors to the old part of your town.

Talking about your own experience

One of the most rewarding things when you travel is to talk about your experience. Go to this [link](#) to read about other travellers' experience. Think about one of your trips and tell your experience to your mate.

SELF-ASSESSMENT CHART				
Express my opinions giving reasons to support them				
Specific vocabulary related to the topic				
Extract information from texts and videos				
Exchange information				
Get to know what happens in other places				

Other materials about this topic:

- A short story about a tourist - click [here](#)
- An article about tourism in Barcelona and Venice: click [here](#)

EXPRESSING YOUR OPINION

GIVING YOUR OPINION	GIVING THE OPPOSITE OPINION
<i>As I see it,</i> <i>I (strongly) believe</i> <i>I've noticed / realised / observed that ...</i> <i>An / Another argument in favour of...is that</i> <i>I think people should have the right to ...</i>	<i>I completely disagree. To me,...</i> <i>Perhaps, but don't you think that ...?</i> <i>I see your point but it seems to me that ...</i> <i>I don't entirely disagree but I still believe that ...</i>
GIVING YOURSELF A PAUSE TO THINK	CLARIFYING YOUR IDEAS
I see what you mean. That's quite right. That's an interesting idea I've never really seen it like that. Just a second. Let me think about that. Well, that's just another way of seeing it. Sounds interesting.	Let me put it another way. All I'm saying is that... You've got the wrong end of the stick. What I mean is... Don't get me wrong, but I really think is