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## Level 6

### Spain to replace USA as second most popular tourism location

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

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There was an 8 per cent increase in tourism to Europe in 2017. The UNWTO said: "Led by Mediterranean destinations, Europe recorded extraordinary results for such a large and rather mature region." Africa is increasingly becoming an established and attractive destination and tourism there also went up by 8 per cent. Asia and the Pacific saw growth of 6 per cent, the Middle East recorded 5 per cent, and tourism to the Americas grew by 3 per cent. The UNWTO added: "International travel continues to grow strongly, consolidating the tourism sector as a key driver in economic development." France retained its position as the world's top tourist destination.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jan/16/spain-set-to-replace-us-as-second-most-popular-tourism-destination>  
<https://www.mirror.co.uk/travel/news/spain-breaks-tourism-records-overtakes-11854884>  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-42692641>

# WARM-UPS

**1. TOURISM:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about tourism. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

replace / tourist / destination / statistics / international / trend / record / independence  
increase / destinations / mature / region / attractive / travel / development / driver

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. BENEFICIAL:** Students A **strongly** believe tourism is beneficial to Earth; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. DESTINATIONS:** How good are these destinations? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Sights	Culture	Food	People
Spain				
France				
USA				
Japan				
South Africa				
Brazil				

**5. TOURISTS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "tourists". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. REGIONS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best regions to visit at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Mediterranean
- Middle East
- North America
- South-East Asia
- South America
- Oceania
- East Asia
- Africa

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. replace        | a. The place to which someone or something is going or being sent.  |
| 2. destination    | b. Public meetings or marches protesting against something or expressing views on a political issue.                    |
| 3. statistics     | c. A general direction in which something is developing or changing.  |
| 4. corroborated   | d. Numbers, especially those which are part of official statistics or relate to the financial performance of a company. |
| 5. figures        | e. Confirmed, backed up or gave support to a statement or argument.   |
| 6. trend          | f. Take the place of.   |
| 7. demonstrations | g. The practice or science of collecting and analyzing numerical data in large quantities.                              |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. extraordinary  | h. Something which causes a particular phenomenon to happen or develop.  |
| 9. mature         | i. Making something physically stronger or more solid.   |
| 10. established   | j. A state of unhappiness, trouble, and worry in a group of people, usually involving public disorder.                         |
| 11. unrest        | k. Very unusual or remarkable.   |
| 12. consolidating | l. Continued to keep possession of something.  |
| 13. driver        | m. When an economy, industry, or market has developed to a point where major growth and investment is difficult to take place. |
| 14. retained      | n. Having been in existence for a long time and therefore recognized and generally accepted.                                   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The United Nations provided statistics on world tourism. **T / F**
- b. Tourism to Spain grew by 7 per cent in 2017. **T / F**
- c. The Spanish Prime Minister disagreed with the figures. **T / F**
- d. Spain has seen record tourism for 10 straight years. **T / F**
- e. There was an 18% increase in tourism to Europe in 2017. **T / F**
- f. Tourism to Africa fell sharply in 2017. **T / F**
- g. The America's saw an increase in tourism of less than 4%. **T / F**
- h. The most popular tourist destination in 2017 was France. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>replace</b>        | a. tendency       |
| 2. <b>destination</b>    | b. crucial        |
| 3. <b>corroborated</b>   | c. traditional    |
| 4. <b>trend</b>          | d. take over from |
| 5. <b>demonstrations</b> | e. strengthening  |
| 6. <b>extraordinary</b>  | f. protests       |
| 7. <b>established</b>    | g. port of call   |
| 8. <b>consolidating</b>  | h. kept           |
| 9. <b>key</b>            | i. confirmed      |
| 10. <b>retained</b>      | j. remarkable     |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Spain is set                          | a. destination             |
| 2. The number of                         | b. unrest                  |
| 3. Spanish PM Mariano Rajoy corroborated | c. grow strongly           |
| 4. continues a growing                   | d. results                 |
| 5. demonstrations and                    | e. the figures             |
| 6. Europe recorded extraordinary         | f. the Americas grew       |
| 7. an established and attractive         | g. to replace the USA      |
| 8. tourism to                            | h. trend                   |
| 9. International travel continues to     | i. in economic development |
| 10. a key driver                         | j. international tourists  |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

Spain is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to replace the USA as the world's second most popular tourist destination. This is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to statistics from the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). The number of international tourists (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in Spain grew by over 7 per cent in 2017. Spanish PM Mariano Rajoy corroborated the (4) \_\_\_\_\_. He said the country had a record year in 2017, with more than 82 million international visitors. The (5) \_\_\_\_\_ number of international arrivals continues a growing (6) \_\_\_\_\_. The figure for 2017 broke Spain's tourist arrival records for the fifth (7) \_\_\_\_\_ year. This is despite the terror attack on Barcelona in August, and demonstrations and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in Spain's Catalonia region for independence.

*arriving*  
*trend*  
*set*  
*unrest*  
*growing*  
*figures*  
*straight*  
*according*

There was an 8 per cent increase in (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to Europe in 2017. The UNWTO said: "Led by Mediterranean destinations, Europe recorded (10) \_\_\_\_\_ results for such a large and rather mature (11) \_\_\_\_\_." Africa is increasingly becoming an established and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ destination and tourism there also went up by 8 per cent. Asia and the Pacific saw (13) \_\_\_\_\_ of 6 per cent, the Middle East recorded 5 per cent, and tourism to the Americas grew by 3 per cent. The UNWTO added: "International travel continues to grow (14) \_\_\_\_\_, consolidating the tourism sector as a key (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in economic development." France retained its (16) \_\_\_\_\_ as the world's top tourist destination.

*attractive*  
*strongly*  
*tourism*  
*position*  
*region*  
*driver*  
*extraordinary*  
*growth*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

- 1) set to replace the USA as the world's second most \_\_\_\_\_ destination
  - a. populate tourist
  - b. poplar tourist
  - c. popular tourist
  - d. popularize tourist
- 2) Spanish PM Mariano Rajoy corroborated \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the figurines
  - b. the figured
  - c. the fig urns
  - d. the figures
- 3) The growing number of international arrivals continues a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. growing trend
  - b. growing trendy
  - c. growing trends
  - d. growing tread
- 4) The figure for 2017 broke Spain's tourist arrival records for \_\_\_\_\_ year
  - a. the five straight
  - b. the fifth straights
  - c. the five straights
  - d. the fifth straight
- 5) demonstrations and unrest in Spain's Catalonia \_\_\_\_\_ independence
  - a. regions for
  - b. regional for
  - c. legion for
  - d. region for
- 6) Led by Mediterranean destinations, Europe recorded \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. extraordinary results
  - b. extraordinaire results
  - c. extra ordinal results
  - d. extra order knee results
- 7) Africa is increasingly becoming an established and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. attractive destinations
  - b. attractive destined nation
  - c. attractive destiny nation
  - d. attractive destination
- 8) tourism there also went up by 8 per cent. Asia and the Pacific \_\_\_\_\_ 6 per cent
  - a. saw gross of
  - b. saw cloth of
  - c. saw growth of
  - d. saw grown of
- 9) continues to grow strongly, consolidating the tourism sector \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. as a key driver
  - b. as a screw driver
  - c. as a keen driver
  - d. as a keyed diver
- 10) France retained its position as the world's top \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. tour wrist destination
  - b. tourist destiny nation
  - c. tourist destination
  - d. tour is destined nation

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

Spain is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the USA as the world's second most popular tourist destination. This (2) \_\_\_\_\_ statistics from the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). The number of international tourists arriving in Spain (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 7 per cent in 2017. Spanish PM Mariano Rajoy corroborated the figures. He said the country had a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 2017, with more than 82 million international visitors. The growing number of international arrivals continues (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The figure for 2017 broke Spain's tourist arrival records for the fifth straight year. This (6) \_\_\_\_\_ terror attack on Barcelona in August, and demonstrations and unrest in Spain's Catalonia region for independence.

There was an 8 per cent increase (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Europe in 2017. The UNWTO said: "Led by Mediterranean destinations, Europe recorded extraordinary results for such a large (8) \_\_\_\_\_ region." Africa is increasingly becoming (9) \_\_\_\_\_ attractive destination and tourism there also went up by 8 per cent. Asia and the Pacific (10) \_\_\_\_\_ 6 per cent, the Middle East recorded 5 per cent, and tourism to the Americas grew by 3 per cent. The UNWTO added: "International travel continues (11) \_\_\_\_\_, consolidating the tourism sector as a key driver in economic development." France retained its position as the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ destination.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

1. What organization provided statistics on world tourism?
2. By how much did tourism to Spain increase in 2017?
3. Who said there were 82 million more tourists visiting Spain in 2017?
4. How many years in a row has Spain seen record tourism?
5. What did the article say happened in Catalonia besides unrest?
6. What part of Europe led the increase in tourism in 2017?
7. What world region saw an increase of 8% in tourism in 2017?
8. By how much did tourism increase in North, South and Central America?
9. What did the article say tourism was a key driver of?
10. What was the world's top tourist destination in 2017?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

- 1) What organization provided statistics on world tourism?
  - a) UNWTO
  - b) IMF
  - c) WTO
  - d) WHO
- 2) By how much did tourism to Spain increase in 2017?
  - a) 8%
  - b) 7%
  - c) 6%
  - d) 9%
- 3) Who said there were 82 million more tourists visiting Spain in 2017?
  - a) the UN
  - b) a hotel association
  - c) Spain's leader
  - d) a travel guide editor
- 4) How many years in a row has Spain seen record tourism?
  - a) 5
  - b) 6
  - c) 4
  - d) 8
- 5) What did the article say happened in Catalonia besides unrest?
  - a) a huge convention
  - b) sporting events
  - c) demonstrations
  - d) bad weather
- 6) What part of Europe led the increase in tourism in 2017?
  - a) the UK
  - b) the Mediterranean
  - c) the Balkans
  - d) Scandinavia
- 7) What world region saw an increase of 8% in tourism in 2017?
  - a) the Middle East
  - b) the Pacific
  - c) Asia
  - d) Africa
- 8) By how much did tourism increase in North, South and Central America?
  - a) 3%
  - b) 5%
  - c) 8%
  - d) 7%
- 9) What did the article say tourism was a key driver of?
  - a) pollution
  - b) cultural relations
  - c) economic development
  - d) cars
- 10) What was the world's top tourist destination in 2017?
  - a) the USA
  - b) France
  - c) Africa
  - d) Central America

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

## **Role A – Mediterranean**

You think the Mediterranean is the best region to visit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their regions aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these regions (and why): Middle East, Central America or South-East Asia.

## **Role B – Middle East**

You think the Middle East is the best region to visit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their regions aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these regions (and why): Mediterranean, Central America or South-East Asia.

## **Role C – Central America**

You think Central America is the best region to visit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their regions aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these regions (and why): Middle East, Mediterranean or South-East Asia.

## **Role D – South-East Asia**

You think South-East Asia is the best region to visit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their regions aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these regions (and why): Middle East, Central America or Mediterranean.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'tourist' and 'destination'.

<b>tourist</b>	<b>destination</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• set</li><li>• statistics</li><li>• 7</li><li>• record</li><li>• figure</li><li>• despite</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8</li><li>• large</li><li>• Africa</li><li>• 5</li><li>• strongly</li><li>• position</li></ul>
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# TOURISM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tourism in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# TOURISM DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Spain'?
3. What is your favourite tourist destination?
4. How good is your country for tourists?
5. What do you think of Spain?
6. What do you think of the tourists who come to your country?
7. How could your country be better for tourists?
8. Would you visit a city where there was a terrorist attack?
9. What three adjectives best describe your country?
10. How important are tourists to your country?

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# TOURISM DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'tourism'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What kind of tourist are you?
15. Which three places would you really like to visit?
16. Why do you think Spain is so popular?
17. What are the best things for tourists to do in your country?
18. What are the bad things about tourism?
19. What are the good things about tourism?
20. What questions would you like to ask Spain's leader about Spain?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |              |              |               |               |
|-----|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) set      | (b) let      | (c) bet       | (d) net       |
| 2.  | (a) as       | (b) of       | (c) to        | (d) by        |
| 3.  | (a) numeral  | (b) numeracy | (c) number    | (d) numerical |
| 4.  | (a) records  | (b) recorded | (c) recording | (d) record    |
| 5.  | (a) trend    | (b) trends   | (c) trending  | (d) trendy    |
| 6.  | (a) respite  | (b) despite  | (c) spite     | (d) spiteful  |
| 7.  | (a) Ted      | (b) Med      | (c) Wed       | (d) Led       |
| 8.  | (a) lather   | (b) rather   | (c) bother    | (d) either    |
| 9.  | (a) spurt    | (b) rising   | (c) growth    | (d) rocket    |
| 10. | (a) America  | (b) Americas | (c) Americans | (d) Americana |
| 11. | (a) section  | (b) secrete  | (c) sect      | (d) sector    |
| 12. | (a) obtained | (b) retained | (c) attained  | (d) contained |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. most popular tuirsot destination
2. This is according to cssiittsta
3. Rajoy dbrraoteorco the figures
4. continues a growing tnder
5. This is iseedtp the terror attack
6. in Spain's Catalonia oigenr

## Paragraph 2

7. ndyextrioarar results
8. large and rather treaum
9. an established and rtviaatetc destination
10. consolidating the tourism tsreco
11. a key vrredi in economic development
12. France etdinera its position

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) by 3 per cent. The UNWTO added: "International travel continues to grow
- ( ) straight year. This is despite the terror attack on Barcelona in August, and demonstrations
- ( ) arriving in Spain grew by over 7 per cent in 2017. Spanish PM Mariano Rajoy corroborated the figures. He said the country had
- ( ) strongly, consolidating the tourism sector as a key driver in economic
- ( **1** ) Spain is set to replace the USA as the world's second most popular tourist destination. This is according
- ( ) There was an 8 per cent increase in tourism to Europe in 2017. The UNWTO said: "Led by Mediterranean
- ( ) and unrest in Spain's Catalonia region for independence.
- ( ) of international arrivals continues a growing trend. The figure for 2017 broke Spain's tourist arrival records for the fifth
- ( ) a record year in 2017, with more than 82 million international visitors. The growing number
- ( ) destinations, Europe recorded extraordinary results for such a large and rather mature region." Africa is increasingly
- ( ) development." France retained its position as the world's top tourist destination.
- ( ) becoming an established and attractive destination and tourism there also went up by 8 per cent. Asia and the
- ( ) Pacific saw growth of 6 per cent, the Middle East recorded 5 per cent, and tourism to the Americas grew
- ( ) to statistics from the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). The number of international tourists

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

1. second world's tourist The destination . popular most
2. according is to This statistics the from UN .
3. the He said record country a year . had
4. growing arrivals international of number The continues .
5. attack terror is on Barcelona . despite This the
6. was tourism increase an in Europe . to There 8%
7. Africa destination . increasingly becoming an is attractive
8. Americas by the per grew to Tourism 3 cent .
9. a sector tourism the key Consolidating driver . as
10. position retained the as France its top destination .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

Spain is *set / sent* to replace the USA as the world's second most popular tourist destination. This is according *of / to* statistics from the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). The number of international tourists arriving in Spain *grew/ growth* by over 7 per cent in 2017. Spanish PM Mariano Rajoy *corroborated / collaborated* the figures. He said the country had a *recorded / record* year in 2017, with more than 82 million international visitors. The growing *numeral / number* of international arrivals continues a growing *trend / trendy*. The figure for 2017 broke Spain's tourist arrival records for the fifth *bent / straight* year. This is *despite / spite* the terror attack on Barcelona in August, and demonstrations and unrest in Spain's Catalonia *region / regional* for independence.

There was *an / the* 8 per cent increase in tourism to Europe in 2017. The UNWTO said: "Led by Mediterranean *destinies / destinations*, Europe recorded *extraordinary / extraordinaire* results for such a *largely / large* and rather mature region." Africa is increasingly *becoming / became* an established and *attracted / attractive* destination and tourism there also went up by 8 per cent. Asia and the Pacific saw *growing / growth* of 6 per cent, the Middle East recorded 5 per cent, and tourism to the Americas grew by 3 per cent. The UNWTO added: "International travel continues to grow *strongly / strength*, consolidating the tourism *sector / section* as a key driver in economic development." France *detained / retained* its position as the world's top tourist destination.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180118-spain.html>

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. TOURISM:** Make a poster about tourism. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Write a magazine article about tourism being essential for economic development. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on tourism. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to increase tourism to your country. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f    2. a    3. g    4. e    5. d    6. c    7. b  
8. k    9. m    10. n    11. j    12. i    13. h    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T    b T    c F    d F    e F    f F    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. replace        | a. take over from |
| 2. destination    | b. port of call   |
| 3. corroborated   | c. confirmed      |
| 4. trend          | d. tendency       |
| 5. demonstrations | e. protests       |
| 6. extraordinary  | f. remarkable     |
| 7. established    | g. traditional    |
| 8. consolidating  | h. strengthening  |
| 9. key            | i. crucial        |
| 10. retained      | j. kept           |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. United Nations World Tourism Organization (WNTO)
2. 7%
3. Spain's Prime Minister
4. Five
5. Unrest
6. The Mediterranean
7. Africa
8. 3%
9. Economic development
10. France

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d    2. b    3. c    4. a    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. a    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)