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Ecotourism a danger to wildlife

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THE READING

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Ecotourism is booming and tour operators say this helps nature. Every year, millions of people visit natural areas to look at animals in the wild. However, a new report says this ecotourism damages nature more than it helps it. Researchers believe tourists stop animals behaving naturally in their natural habitat. Recently in Costa Rica, turtles had problems laying their eggs because of the many tourists who were on the beach to watch them.

The report says that ecotourism is making animals bolder. Animals who often see humans will become tamer. They become less cautious about other animals. This puts them at risk of being attacked by their natural predators, so more of them will be killed.

The report also said it was essential to understand more about how different species respond to humans, and how this might put them at risk.

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MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1510/151014-ecotourism-4.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Ecotourism is | a. than it helps it |
| 2. tour | b. of people |
| 3. millions | c. their eggs |
| 4. visit natural | d. naturally |
| 5. ecotourism damages nature more | e. booming |
| 6. tourists stop animals behaving | f. areas |
| 7. natural | g. operators |
| 8. turtles had problems laying | h. habitat |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. ecotourism is making | a. cautious |
| 2. Animals who often see humans will | b. risk |
| 3. They become less | c. more |
| 4. This puts them at risk | d. animals bolder |
| 5. natural | e. to humans |
| 6. it was essential to understand | f. become tamer |
| 7. how different species respond | g. predators |
| 8. this might put them at | h. of being attacked |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1510/151014-ecotourism-4.html>

Ecotourism (1) _____ and tour operators say this helps nature. Every year, millions of people visit (2) _____ to look at animals in the wild. However, a new (3) _____ ecotourism damages nature (4) _____ helps it. Researchers believe tourists stop animals behaving naturally in their natural habitat. Recently in Costa Rica, turtles had problems (5) _____ because of the many tourists (6) _____ beach to watch them.

The report says that ecotourism (7) _____ bolder. Animals who often see humans will become tamer. They become (8) _____ about other animals. This puts (9) _____ of being attacked by their (10) _____, so more of them will be killed. The report also said it was essential to understand (11) _____ different species respond to humans, and how this might (12) _____.

ECOTOURISM SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about ecotourism 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

