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Level 4 – 11th September 2023

Over-tourism threatens Mt. Fuji's world heritage status

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Mt. Fuji's UNESCO status is at risk from over-tourism. Fuji became a World Heritage site in 2013. There is a post-covid tourist boom in Japan. Many visitors are heading for Fuji-san, which is sacred in Japan. Many Japanese hope to climb it at least once in their lives. The climbers are causing environmental damage on the mountain. Litter is everywhere, and many parking lots have been built. These are an eyesore on the mountain's once-perfect habitat.

A local official said Fuji faces a crisis because of uncontrollable tourism. He said Fuji might become so unattractive that nobody will climb it. He added: "Fuji-san is screaming in pain....we need to tackle over-tourism now." The mountain has seen a 50 per cent jump in visitors since 2013. Another headache for authorities is "bullet climbers" - people who climb Fuji in 24 hours. They risk getting altitude sickness. The climbing season has now ended.

Sources: <https://www.asahi.com/ajw/articles/14978598>
<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2023/08/02/japan/warn-mt-fuji-climbing-visitors/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Mt. Fuji's UNESCO status is | a. in their lives |
| 2. There is a post-covid tourist | b. to climb it |
| 3. Many visitors are heading | c. at risk |
| 4. Many Japanese hope | d. everywhere |
| 5. at least once | e. for Fuji-san |
| 6. climbers are causing environmental | f. eyesore |
| 7. litter is | g. damage |
| 8. These are an | h. boom in Japan |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A local | a. in pain |
| 2. Fuji faces a | b. now ended |
| 3. because of uncontrollable | c. for authorities |
| 4. Fuji-san is screaming | d. crisis |
| 5. we need to tackle | e. sickness |
| 6. Another headache | f. tourism |
| 7. They risk getting altitude | g. over-tourism now |
| 8. The climbing season has | h. official |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mt. Fuji's UNESCO status is (1) _____ over-tourism.

Fuji became a World Heritage site in 2013. There is a

(2) _____ boom in Japan. Many visitors are heading for

Fuji-san, which (3) _____ Japan. Many Japanese hope

to climb it at least once in their lives. The climbers are causing

environmental damage on the mountain. (4) _____,

and many parking lots have been built. These (5) _____

on the mountain's (6) _____.

A local official said Fuji (7) _____ because of

uncontrollable tourism. He said Fuji (8) _____

unattractive that nobody will climb it. He added: "Fuji-san is screaming in

pain....we (9) _____ over-tourism now." The mountain

has seen a 50 per cent jump in visitors since 2013. Another

(10) _____ is "bullet climbers" - people who climb Fuji

in 24 hours. They (11) _____ sickness. The climbing

season (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TOURISM SURVEY

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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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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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) _____

