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## **Level 4**

### **Dutch towns tell tourists how to behave**

**14th April, 2017**

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

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170414-tourism-4.html>

Being a tourist and sightseeing in old villages is great, but is it good for the locals? Villagers living in 'Old Holland' near Amsterdam are tired of visitors and tour guides disturbing their peace. They have worked with tour companies to make rules for tourists. These include not photographing people without asking, not going into their gardens and not dropping litter. Tourism is booming and the number of tourists will rise by 50% in the next decade.

Old Holland looks like the past. There are windmills and traditional wooden houses. A local resident said the village of Zaanse Schans is like an open-air museum. However, he said: "One resident...opened his curtains in the morning and looked into the camera lenses of nine photographers." He added: "Visitors seem happy to knock on the wooden houses to see if it is real wood....That is not pleasant." He said tour buses were the noisiest.

Sources: <http://www.dutchnews.nl/news/archives/2017/03/tourists-told-to-behave-in-old-holland-as-popularity-surges/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170414-tourism-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. tired                       | a. litter         |
| 2. tour guides disturbing      | b. of visitors    |
| 3. tour                        | c. decade         |
| 4. not photographing people    | d. their peace    |
| 5. dropping                    | e. companies      |
| 6. Tourism is                  | f. rise by 50%    |
| 7. the number of tourists will | g. without asking |
| 8. in the next                 | h. booming        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Old Holland looks         | a. air museum    |
| 2. windmills and traditional | b. lenses        |
| 3. A local                   | c. noisiest      |
| 4. like an open-             | d. wooden houses |
| 5. One resident opened       | e. is real wood  |
| 6. looked into the camera    | f. resident      |
| 7. to see if it              | g. his curtains  |
| 8. tour buses were the       | h. like the past |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Being a tourist and sightseeing (1) \_\_\_\_\_ great, but is it good for the locals? Villagers living in 'Old Holland' near Amsterdam are tired (2) \_\_\_\_\_ tour guides disturbing their peace. They have (3) \_\_\_\_\_ companies to make rules for tourists. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ photographing people without asking, not going into their gardens and not (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Tourism is booming and the number of tourists will rise by 50% (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Old Holland (7) \_\_\_\_\_. There are windmills and traditional wooden houses. A local resident said the village of Zaanse Schans is like (8) \_\_\_\_\_ museum. However, he said: "One resident...opened his (9) \_\_\_\_\_ morning and looked into (10) \_\_\_\_\_ nine photographers." He added: "Visitors seem happy (11) \_\_\_\_\_ wooden houses to see if it is real wood.... (12) \_\_\_\_\_." He said tour buses were the noisiest.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# TOURISM SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170414-tourism-4.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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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) \_\_\_\_\_

