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Level 4

Thailand to close famous beach to protect coral

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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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Thailand will close one of its beaches to try and protect its coral from tourism. The beach is on the island of Koh Phi Phi Leh. It was in the blockbuster movie 'The Beach'. Millions of tourists put it on their bucket lists and up to 5,000 a day visit its shores. They arrive on hundreds of boats. These cause irreversible damage to the bay's coral. Most of the coral has died. The beach will close between June and September to let the coral recover.

Experts say that 80 per cent of Thailand's coral reefs have been destroyed. Many beaches have been damaged by tourism. A marine expert criticized the tourism. He said the biggest problems were beachfront hotels, boat anchors breaking the coral, and plastic waste in the sea. He believes the "ideal solution" is to close the beach permanently. He said: "While it's a very pretty bay...a flotilla of boats and hordes of...tourists rather detract from the magic."

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/famous-location-for-dicaprio-film-the-beach-being-destroyed-by-tourists-11275464>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. try and protect | a. damage |
| 2. the blockbuster | b. its coral |
| 3. tourists put it on their bucket | c. recover |
| 4. up to 5,000 a | d. lists |
| 5. They arrive on | e. day visit |
| 6. These cause irreversible | f. died |
| 7. Most of the coral has | g. hundreds of boats |
| 8. let the coral | h. movie |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Thailand's coral | a. bay |
| 2. A marine | b. hotels |
| 3. beachfront | c. reefs |
| 4. plastic waste | d. tourists |
| 5. close the beach | e. expert |
| 6. it's a very pretty | f. in the sea |
| 7. a flotilla of | g. permanently |
| 8. hordes of | h. boats |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Thailand will close one of its beaches to try (1) _____ coral from tourism. The beach is (2) _____ of Koh Phi Phi Leh. It was in the blockbuster movie 'The Beach'. Millions of tourists put it on (3) _____ and up to 5,000 a day visit its shores. They arrive on (4) _____. These cause irreversible damage to the bay's coral. Most of the (5) _____. The beach will close between June and September to let (6) _____.

Experts say that 80 per cent of Thailand's coral reefs (7) _____. Many beaches have been damaged by tourism. (8) _____ criticized the tourism. He said the biggest problems were beachfront hotels, boat anchors breaking the coral, (9) _____ in the sea. He believes (10) _____ is to close the beach permanently. He said: "While it's a (11) _____...a flotilla of boats and hordes of...tourists rather (12) _____ magic."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BEACHES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about beaches 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) _____

