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Thailand to close famous beach to protect coral

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THE ARTICLE

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Thailand will soon close one of its world famous beaches in an effort to reverse the damage done to its coral by mass tourism. The beach is in Maya Bay on the tiny island of Koh Phi Phi Leh. It garnered worldwide attention after it featured heavily in the Leonardo DiCaprio blockbuster movie *The Beach*. The film put the Maya Bay beach on the bucket lists of millions of travellers worldwide. The result has been an influx of up to 5,000 sun worshippers a day to its emerald shores. They arrive on hundreds of boats, which have caused irreversible damage to the bay's coral. Officials say that most of the coral in the bay has died. The beach will close between June and September to let the coral recover.

Experts predict that almost 80 per cent of Thailand's coral reefs have been destroyed, and that once pristine beaches have been damaged by tourism. The deputy dean of the Faculty of Fisheries at Bangkok's Kasetsart University is an outspoken critic of the level of tourism Thailand's coastline has to endure. He said the biggest culprits were beachfront hotels, boat anchors crashing into and breaking the coral, and plastic waste being dumped in the sea. He believes the "ideal solution" is for Maya Bay to be closed permanently. He said: "While it's a very pretty bay, visiting it with a flotilla of boats and hordes of other tourists rather detract from the magic." He welcomed the temporary closure.

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<https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2018/feb/14/thailand-maya-bay-the-beach-movie-close-to-tourists-leonardo-dicaprio>
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WARM-UPS

1. BEACHES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about beaches. 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?

famous / beach / damage / coral / island / movie / bucket list / emerald / recover / tourism / critic / coastline / hotels / plastic waste / ideal / solution / boats / magic

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

3. TOURISM: Students A **strongly** believe tourism is terrible for the environment; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. BUCKET LIST: What is on your bucket list? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

	What?	Why?
Travel		
Food		
Hobbies		
Excitement		
Music		
Shopping		

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

6. TOURISM: Rank these with your partner. Put the things tourism damages most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- beaches
- rainforests
- ancient ruins
- rivers
- people's lives
- cultures
- villages
- wildlife

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. reverse | a. Not able to be undone, changed back or altered. |
| 2. mass | b. Gathered or collected something, especially information, something good, or approval. |
| 3. garnered | c. A thing of great power or size, in particular a movie, book, or other product that is a great commercial success. |
| 4. featured | d. Make something the opposite of what it was. |
| 5. blockbuster | e. An arrival or entry of large numbers of people or things. |
| 6. influx | f. A large number of people or objects crowded together. |
| 7. irreversible | g. Had as an important role, actor or participant. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 8. predict | h. A person who expresses an unfavorable opinion of something. |
| 9. pristine | i. Suffer something painful or difficult patiently. |
| 10. dean | j. Reduce or take away the worth or value of. |
| 11. critic | k. In its original condition; unspoiled. |
| 12. endure | l. The causes of a problem or defect. |
| 13. culprits | m. The head of a college or university faculty or department. |
| 14. detract | n. Say or estimate that a specified thing will happen in the future. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180307-beach.html>

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

- a. Thailand will soon close a famous beach resort. **T / F**
- b. The beach that will close was in a famous movie. **T / F**
- c. Almost 5,000 people a day visit the beach. **T / F**
- d. Officials say that the damage to coral cannot be repaired. **T / F**
- e. Experts believe that around half of Thailand's coral has gone. **T / F**
- f. A university deputy dean said he was in favour of tourism. **T / F**
- g. The deputy dean believes the beach should be closed forever. **T / F**
- h. The deputy dean said tourists brought magic to the island. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. effort | a. globally |
| 2. mass | b. starred |
| 3. featured | c. take away |
| 4. worldwide | d. forecast |
| 5. irreversible | e. wrongdoers |
| 6. predict | f. attempt |
| 7. pristine | g. perfect |
| 8. culprits | h. unspoiled |
| 9. ideal | i. large-scale |
| 10. detract | j. irreparable |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. mass | a. closure |
| 2. bucket | b. were beachfront hotels |
| 3. an influx of up | c. recover |
| 4. caused irreversible | d. tourism |
| 5. let the coral | e. lists |
| 6. The deputy dean of the | f. of boats |
| 7. the biggest culprits | g. damage |
| 8. plastic waste being | h. Faculty of Fisheries |
| 9. a flotilla | i. to 5,000 sun worshippers |
| 10. He welcomed the temporary | j. dumped in the sea |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180307-beach.html>

Thailand will soon close one of its world famous beaches in an effort to (1) _____ the damage done to its coral by mass tourism. The beach is in Maya Bay on the (2) _____ island of Koh Phi Phi Leh. It garnered worldwide attention after it featured (3) _____ in the Leonardo DiCaprio blockbuster movie The Beach. The film put the Maya Bay beach on the bucket (4) _____ of millions of travellers worldwide. The result has been an (5) _____ of up to 5,000 sun worshippers a day to its (6) _____ shores. They arrive on hundreds of boats, which have (7) _____ irreversible damage to the bay's coral. Officials say that most of the coral in the bay has died. The beach will (8) _____ between June and September to let the coral recover.

tiny
emerald
lists
close
reverse
caused
heavily
influx

Experts (9) _____ that almost 80 per cent of Thailand's coral reefs have been destroyed, and that once (10) _____ beaches have been damaged by tourism. The deputy dean of the Faculty of Fisheries at Bangkok's Kasetsart University is an outspoken (11) _____ of the level of tourism Thailand's coastline has to (12) _____. He said the biggest culprits were beachfront hotels, boat anchors crashing into and breaking the coral, and plastic (13) _____ being dumped in the sea. He believes the "(14) _____ solution" is for Maya Bay to be closed permanently. He said: "While it's a very pretty bay, visiting it with a (15) _____ of boats and hordes of other tourists rather detract from the magic." He welcomed the temporary (16) _____.

critic
waste
flotilla
predict
closure
endure
pristine
ideal

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180307-beach.html>

- 1) close one of its world famous beaches in an effort to _____
 - a. reverses the damage
 - b. reversal the damage
 - c. reversed the damage
 - d. reverse the damage
- 2) The beach is in Maya Bay on the _____ Koh Phi Phi
 - a. tinny island of
 - b. tinted island of
 - c. tiny island of
 - d. tie knee island of
- 3) it featured heavily in the Leonardo DiCaprio _____
 - a. blocked buster movie
 - b. blockbuster movie
 - c. block basted movie
 - d. black buster movie
- 4) The film put the Maya Bay beach on the _____
 - a. bucket lists
 - b. buckets wrists
 - c. bucket list
 - d. bucket wrist
- 5) The beach will close between June and September to let _____
 - a. the coral recovery
 - b. the coral recovered
 - c. the coral recovers
 - d. the coral recover
- 6) Experts predict that almost 80 per cent of Thailand's coral reefs _____
 - a. have been destroyed
 - b. have been destroy it
 - c. have been destroying
 - d. have been destroys
- 7) The deputy dean of the Faculty of Fisheries at Bangkok's Kasetsart University is _____
 - a. an outspoken critic
 - b. an out speaking critic
 - c. an outs poking critic
 - d. an out spoke in critic
- 8) the level of tourism Thailand's coastline _____
 - a. has to ending
 - b. has to end you're
 - c. has to end your
 - d. has to endure
- 9) anchors crashing into and breaking the coral, and plastic waste being _____
 - a. ramped in the sea
 - b. dumped in the sea
 - c. bumped in the sea
 - d. pumped in the sea
- 10) visiting it with a flotilla of boats and hordes of other tourists rather detract _____
 - a. from a magic
 - b. from the magician
 - c. from the magic
 - d. from the magically

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180307-beach.html>

1. What is the name of the bay where the beach is?
2. What was the name of the movie that made the beach famous?
3. How many people a day visit the beach?
4. How many boats do people arrive on?
5. What will happen to the beach between June and September?
6. How much of Thailand's coral reefs could be damaged?
7. What is the position of the man from a Bangkok university?
8. What did the article say was being dumped in the sea?
9. How long should the beach close for, according to an "ideal situation"?
10. What did a university worker say boats and tourists took away?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180307-beach.html>

- 1) What is the name of the bay where the beach is?
 - a) Thaiya Bay
 - b) Maya Bay
 - c) Chaya Bay
 - d) Haya Bay
- 2) What was the name of the movie that made the beach famous?
 - a) Coral Island
 - b) Love Island
 - c) The Beach
 - d) Love Beach
- 3) How many people a day visit the beach?
 - a) around 5,000
 - b) exactly 5,000
 - c) over 5,000
 - d) up to 5,000
- 4) How many boats do people arrive on?
 - a) dozens
 - b) hundreds
 - c) thousands
 - d) scores
- 5) What will happen to the beach between June and September?
 - a) it will close
 - b) there will be a party
 - c) it will be re-sanded
 - d) construction work
- 6) How much of Thailand's coral reefs could be damaged?
 - a) almost 80%
 - b) 66%
 - c) about half
 - d) less than 10%
- 7) What is the position of the man from a Bangkok university?
 - a) head lecturer
 - b) chancellor
 - c) principal
 - d) deputy dean
- 8) What did the article say was being dumped in the sea?
 - a) rubbish
 - b) coral
 - c) plastic waste
 - d) dead fish
- 9) How long should the beach close for, according to an "ideal situation"?
 - a) a year
 - b) 3 months
 - c) 5 years
 - d) permanently
- 10) What did a university worker say boats and tourists took away?
 - a) fish
 - b) magic
 - c) sand
 - d) photos

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Beaches

You think tourism damages beaches most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why tourism doesn't damage their things as much. Also, tell the others which is the least damaged of these (and why): rainforests, cultures or wildlife.

Role B – Rainforests

You think tourism damages rainforests most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why tourism doesn't damage their things as much. Also, tell the others which is the least damaged of these (and why): beaches, cultures or wildlife.

Role C – Cultures

You think tourism damages cultures most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why tourism doesn't damage their things as much. Also, tell the others which is the least damaged of these (and why): rainforests, beaches or wildlife.

Role D – Wildlife

You think tourism damages wildlife most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why tourism doesn't damage their things as much. Also, tell the others which is the least damaged of these (and why): rainforests, cultures or beaches.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180307-beach.html>

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

coral	beach
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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">• soon• tiny• heavily• lists• arrive• most	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 80• dean• level• breaking• ideal• magic
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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.

BEACHES 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 'beach'?
3. What is your favourite beach, and why?
4. How important are beaches?
5. What do you know about Thailand's beaches?
6. How is tourism affecting beaches?
7. Should there be a limit on visitors going to beaches?
8. What do you like to do at the beach?
9. What can tourists do to better look after beaches?
10. What are the biggest dangers to beaches?

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BEACHES 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 'coral'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Will any beach in the world stay pristine?
15. What damage does tourism cause to the environment?
16. Should hotels be banned from beachfronts?
17. How can we reduce plastic waste being dumped in the sea?
18. Should the Maya Bay beach be closed forever?
19. What is the magic of a beautiful beach?
20. What questions would you like to ask the university deputy dean?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) closely | (b) close | (c) closeness | (d) closed |
| 2. | (a) amass | (b) mass | (c) masses | (d) massed |
| 3. | (a) fractured | (b) feted | (c) fated | (d) featured |
| 4. | (a) picket | (b) bucket | (c) bracket | (d) packet |
| 5. | (a) spores | (b) shores | (c) shares | (d) spares |
| 6. | (a) recovery | (b) recovers | (c) recover | (d) recovered |
| 7. | (a) mostly | (b) most | (c) almost | (d) must |
| 8. | (a) praline | (b) plumbing | (c) pristine | (d) prism |
| 9. | (a) critically | (b) criticize | (c) criticism | (d) critic |
| 10. | (a) insure | (b) ensure | (c) ensue | (d) endure |
| 11. | (a) dumped | (b) damped | (c) dumber | (d) dammed |
| 12. | (a) destruct | (b) defect | (c) detract | (d) detox |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180307-beach.html>

Paragraph 1

1. in an effort to vresere the damage
2. worldwide netattoin
3. an fnuixl of up to 5,000 sun worshippers
4. elemadr shores
5. caused ersiblvirree damage
6. let the coral rvoeocr

Paragraph 2

7. once snrteiiip beaches
8. the level of tourism Thailand's coastline has to reound
9. the biggest rtplucsi
10. be closed nlemepayrtn
11. ecttrda from the magic
12. He welcomed the yreatmrop closure

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to its coral by mass tourism. The beach is in Maya Bay on the tiny island of Koh Phi Phi Leh. It garnered worldwide
- () endure. He said the biggest culprits were beachfront hotels, boat anchors crashing into and breaking the coral, and plastic
- () waste being dumped in the sea. He believes the "ideal solution" is for Maya Bay to be closed
- () permanently. He said: "While it's a very pretty bay, visiting it with a flotilla of boats and hordes
- () died. The beach will close between June and September to let the coral recover.
- () lists of millions of travellers worldwide. The result has been an influx of up to 5,000 sun
- () beaches have been damaged by tourism. The deputy dean of the Faculty of Fisheries at Bangkok's Kasetsart
- () damage to the bay's coral. Officials say that most of the coral in the bay has
- () Experts predict that almost 80 per cent of Thailand's coral reefs have been destroyed, and that once pristine
- () worshippers a day to its emerald shores. They arrive on hundreds of boats, which have caused irreversible
- () University is an outspoken critic of the level of tourism Thailand's coastline has to
- () of other tourists rather detract from the magic." He welcomed the temporary closure.
- () attention after it featured heavily in the Leonardo DiCaprio blockbuster movie The Beach. The film put the Maya Bay beach on the bucket
- (**1**) Thailand will soon close one of its world famous beaches in an effort to reverse the damage done

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180307-beach.html>

1. done tourism . Damage mass coral its by to
2. blockbuster movie . the featured heavily It in
3. millions of bucket travellers . the of On lists
4. influx of An 5,000 to worshippers . sun up
5. has Most in coral of died . the bay the
6. tourism . pristine beaches been by damaged have Once
7. critic of tourism . level outspoken of An the
8. culprits were the hotels . said He beachfront biggest
9. and breaking the Anchors into coral . crashing
10. detract from other of Hordes the tourists magic .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180307-beach.html>

Thailand will soon *close / closed* one of its world famous beaches in an effort to reverse the damage done to its coral by *amass / mass* tourism. The beach is in Maya Bay on the tiny island *from / of* Koh Phi Phi Leh. It garnered worldwide attention after it featured *heavy / heavily* in the Leonardo DiCaprio blockbuster movie The Beach. The film put the Maya Bay beach on the *bucket / pail* lists of millions of travellers worldwide. The result has been an *influx / outflow* of up to 5,000 sun worshippers a day to its emerald *shores / shares*. They arrive on hundreds of boats, which have caused *irreversible / irreversibly* damage to the bay's coral. Officials say that *most / many* of the coral in the bay has died. The beach will close between June and September to let the coral *recover / recovery*.

Experts *predict / prediction* that almost 80 per cent of Thailand's coral reefs have been *destruction / destroyed*, and that once pristine beaches have been damaged by tourism. The deputy dean of the Faculty of Fisheries at Bangkok's Kasetsart University is an outspoken *critical / critic* of the level of tourism Thailand's coastline has to *endure / endurance*. He said the biggest *culprits / culpable* were beachfront hotels, boat anchors crashing into and breaking the coral, and plastic *waste / wastes* being dumped in the sea. He believes the "ideal solution" is for Maya Bay to be closed *permanent / permanently*. He said: "While it's a very pretty bay, *visiting / visited* it with a flotilla of boats and hordes of other tourists rather *destruct / detract* from the *magic / magical*." He welcomed the temporary closure.

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)

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T h__ l_n d w_l l s__ n c_l_s_ _n_ _f _t_s w_r_l d
f_m__ s b__ c_h_s _n _n _f_f_r_t t_r_v_r_s_ t_h_
d_m_g_ d_n_ t__t_s c_r_l b_y m_s_s t__r_s_m. T
h_ b__ c_h _s _n M_y_ B_y _n t_h_ t_n_y _s_l_n_d _f
K_h P_h_ P_h_ L_h. It g_r_n_r_d w_r_l d w_d_ _t_t_n
t__n _f_t_r _t f__t_r_d h__ v_l_y _n t_h_ L__n_r_d_
D_C_p_r__ b_l_c_k b_s_t_r m_v__ T_h_ B__ c_h. T_h_
f_l_m p_t t_h_ M_y_ B_y b__ c_h _n t_h_ b_c_k_t
l_s_t_s _f m_l_l__n_s _f t_r_v_l_l_r_s w_r_l d w_d_. T
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T_h_y _r_r_v_ _n h_n_d_r_d_s _f b__t_s, w_h_c_h
h_v_ c__s_d _r_r_v_r_s_b_l_ d_m_g_ t__t_h_ b_y's
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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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. BEACHES: Make a poster about beaches. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TOURISM: Write a magazine article about limiting access to beaches to help protect the environment. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 beaches. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to protect them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. effort | a. attempt |
| 2. mass | b. large-scale |
| 3. featured | c. starred |
| 4. worldwide | d. globally |
| 5. irreversible | e. irreparable |
| 6. predict | f. forecast |
| 7. pristine | g. unspoiled |
| 8. culprits | h. wrongdoers |
| 9. ideal | i. perfect |
| 10. detract | j. take away |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Maya Bay
2. The Beach
3. Up to 5,000
4. Hundreds
5. It will close
6. Almost 80%
7. Deputy dean
8. Plastic waste
9. Permanently
10. Magic

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Damage done to its coral by mass tourism.
2. It featured heavily in the blockbuster movie.
3. On the bucket lists of millions of travellers.
4. An influx of up to 5,000 sun worshippers.
5. Most of the coral in the bay has died.
6. Once pristine beaches have been damaged by tourism.
7. An outspoken critic of the level of tourism.
8. He said the biggest culprits were beachfront hotels.
9. Anchors crashing into and breaking the coral.
10. Hordes of other tourists detract from the magic.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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