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Level 2 – 24th August, 2021

Venice set to charge tourists to enter the city

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Venice is one of the world's top tourist destinations. It can get around 20 million visitors a year. This causes problems such as pollution from cruise ships and overcrowding. City officials are now planning to charge tourists to visit Venice's historical centre and canals. Italy's *La Stampa* newspaper said this could be as much as 10 euros (\$11.70). This could start from the summer of 2022. They might also set a limit on the number of visitors who can enter the centre each day. Tourists may need to book their visit to Venice before they go.

City officials have talked for many years about different problems. Environmentalists worried about the damage from cruise ships to marine life. Heritage lovers want to protect the city's famous squares from the millions of tourists. Italy's Culture Minister said that there is a "concrete risk" of UNESCO adding Venice to its list of World Heritage in Danger sites. However, a hotel worker says Venice needs cruise ships because tourists "spend big in a short time". A city official is worried that charging tourists to enter the city will turn Venice into a "theme park".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. one of the world's top | a. of visitors |
| 2. get around 20 million | b. such as pollution |
| 3. This causes problems | c. much as 10 euros |
| 4. Venice's historical | d. before they go |
| 5. this could be as | e. summer of 2022 |
| 6. This could start from the | f. visitors a year |
| 7. set a limit on the number | g. centre and canals |
| 8. book their visit to Venice | h. tourist destinations |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. city officials have talked | a. famous squares |
| 2. environmentalists worried | b. park |
| 3. heritage | c. of tourists |
| 4. protect the city's | d. for many years |
| 5. millions | e. to enter the city |
| 6. tourists spend | f. lovers |
| 7. charging tourists | g. about the damage |
| 8. theme | h. big |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Venice is one of the world's (1) _____. It can get around 20 million (2) _____. This causes problems such as pollution from cruise ships and overcrowding. City officials are now planning to charge tourists to visit Venice's (3) _____. Italy's *La Stampa* newspaper said this could be (4) _____ 10 euros (\$11.70). This could start from the summer of 2022. They might also (5) _____ on the number of visitors who can enter the centre each day. Tourists may need to (6) _____ to Venice before they go.

City officials have (7) _____ years about different problems. Environmentalists worried about (8) _____ cruise ships to marine life. Heritage lovers want to protect the city's (9) _____ the millions of tourists. Italy's Culture Minister said that there is a "concrete risk" of UNESCO adding Venice (10) _____ of World Heritage in Danger sites. However, a hotel worker says Venice needs cruise ships because tourists "(11) _____ a short time". A city official is worried that charging tourists to enter the city will turn Venice into (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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VENICE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Venice 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) _____

