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

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230911-climbing-mt-fuji.html>

Japan's Mt. Fuji's UNESCO World Heritage status is under threat due to over-tourism. The iconic peak was listed as a world heritage site in 2013. However, a spike in the number of tourists scaling the majestic mountain is threatening that listing. Japan is experiencing a post-covid tourist boom, and many visitors are making a beeline for Fuji-san's climbing trails. Mt. Fuji is so sacred in Japan that many Japanese hope to climb it at least once in their lives. The burgeoning number of climbers is causing environmental damage on the slopes. Litter is strewn across the volcanic ash, and large parking lots have been constructed to accommodate tourists. These are an eyesore on the mountain's once-pristine habitat.

A local official told reporters that: "Fuji faces a real crisis. Tourism has become uncontrollable, and we fear that Mt. Fuji will soon become so unattractive, nobody would want to climb it." He added: "Fuji-san is screaming in pain. We can't just wait for improvement; we need to tackle over-tourism now." The mountain's fifth base station has seen a 50 per cent jump in visitors since 2013, with about four million visitors this summer. Another headache for local authorities is "bullet climbers". These are people who attempt to ascend and descend Fuji in 24 hours. They risk getting altitude sickness and hypothermia. The official climbing season ended on Sunday, giving Fuji a respite from further damage.

Sources: <https://www.asahi.com/ajw/articles/14978598>
<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2023/08/02/japan/warn-mt-fuji-climbing-visitors/>
<https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20230616/p2a/00m/0na/008000c>

WARM-UPS

1. TOURISM: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about tourism. 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?

Mt. Fuji / UNESCO / heritage / over-tourism / tourists / boom / climbers / eyesore / crisis / unattractive / screaming / pain / headache / altitude sickness / hypothermia

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

3. TOURISM LIMIT: Students A **strongly** believe the number of tourists should be limited at tourist spots; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. OVER-TOURISM: What problems does over-tourism cause? How can we deal with them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Problems	Mitigation
Nature		
Greenhouse gasses		
Traffic		
Local population		
Public transport		
Trash		

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

6. WORLD HERITAGE SITES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best ones at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Mt. Fuji
- Machu Picchu
- Great Barrier Reef
- Great Wall of China
- Grand Canyon
- Petra
- Angkor Wat
- Taj Mahal

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1. iconic | a. A sharp increase in the magnitude or amount of something. |
| 2. peak | b. About a person or thing regarded as a representative symbol or as worthy of respect. |
| 3. spike | c. Hurry directly towards. |
| 4. make a beeline for | d. Connected with God or a god, or dedicated to a religious purpose and so deserving great respect. |
| 5. sacred | e. The pointed top of a mountain. |
| 6. burgeoning | f. In its original condition; unspoilt. |
| 7. pristine | g. Beginning to grow or increase rapidly. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. crisis | h. Make determined efforts to deal with a problem or difficult task. |
| 9. tackle | i. The height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level. |
| 10. ascend | j. A time of intense difficulty or danger. |
| 11. descend | k. Climb to the summit of a mountain or hill. |
| 12. altitude | l. The condition of having an abnormally (usually typically) low body temperature. |
| 13. hypothermia | m. Of a road, path, or flight of steps that lead downwards. |
| 14. respite | n. A short period of rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230911-climbing-mt-fuji.html>

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

1. Mt. Fuji has been a World Heritage site for over two decades. **T / F**
2. The article says many tourists are following bees up Mt. Fuji. **T / F**
3. The article says Mt. Fuji is sacred to many Japanese people. **T / F**
4. Car parks for tourists have been built on Mt. Fuji. **T / F**
5. A local official said tourism on Mt. Fuji is controllable. **T / F**
6. A local official said Mt. Fuji was screaming in pain. **T / F**
7. People who are called "bullet climbers" are getting lots of headaches. **T / F**
8. People cannot climb Mt. Fuji until next year. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. status | a. disaster |
| 2. spike | b. upturn |
| 3. boom | c. climb |
| 4. burgeoning | d. ugly sight |
| 5. eyesore | e. standing |
| 6. crisis | f. break |
| 7. tackle | g. sudden rise |
| 8. headache | h. deal with |
| 9. ascend | i. growing rapidly |
| 10. respite | j. problem |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. The iconic peak was listed | a. tourist boom |
| 2. Japan is experiencing a post-covid | b. sickness |
| 3. The burgeoning number of | c. crisis |
| 4. Litter is strewn | d. as a world heritage site |
| 5. an eyesore on the mountain's once- | e. from further damage |
| 6. Fuji faces a real | f. across the volcanic ash |
| 7. we need to tackle | g. for local authorities |
| 8. Another headache | h. pristine habitat |
| 9. They risk getting altitude | i. over-tourism now |
| 10. giving Fuji a respite | j. climbers |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230911-climbing-mt-fuji.html>

Japan's Mt. Fuji's UNESCO World Heritage status is (1) _____ threat due to over-tourism. The iconic peak was (2) _____ as a world heritage site in 2013. However, a spike in the number of tourists scaling the majestic mountain is threatening that listing. Japan is experiencing a post-covid tourist (3) _____, and many visitors are making a beeline for Fuji-san's climbing trails. Mt. Fuji is so (4) _____ in Japan that many Japanese hope to climb it at least once in their lives. The (5) _____ number of climbers is causing environmental damage on the slopes. Litter is (6) _____ across the volcanic ash, and large parking (7) _____ have been constructed to accommodate tourists. These are an eyesore on the mountain's once-pristine (8) _____.

strewn
listed
sacred
habitat
under
lots
burgeoning
boom

A local official told reporters that: "Fuji faces a real (9) _____. Tourism has become uncontrollable, and we (10) _____ that Mt. Fuji will soon become so unattractive, nobody would want to climb it." He added: "Fuji-san is (11) _____ in pain. We can't just wait for improvement; we need to (12) _____ over-tourism now." The mountain's fifth base station has seen a 50 per cent (13) _____ in visitors since 2013, with about four million visitors this summer. Another headache for local authorities is "(14) _____ climbers". These are people who attempt to ascend and (15) _____ Fuji in 24 hours. They risk getting altitude sickness and hypothermia. The official climbing season ended on Sunday, giving Fuji a (16) _____ from further damage.

bullet
fear
tackle
respite
crisis
descend
jump
screaming

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230911-climbing-mt-fuji.html>

- 1) Japan's Mt. Fuji's UNESCO World Heritage status _____
 - a. asunder threat
 - b. is under treat
 - c. is under threat
 - d. asunder treat
- 2) However, a spike in the number of tourists scaling _____
 - a. the majestic mountain
 - b. the major stick mountain
 - c. the magisterial mountain
 - d. the majesty mountain
- 3) many visitors are making a beeline for _____
 - a. Fuji-san's climbing trials
 - b. Fuji-san's climbing trolls
 - c. Fuji-san's climbing toils
 - d. Fuji-san's climbing trails
- 4) The burgeoning number of climbers is causing environmental damage _____
 - a. on the slopes
 - b. on the slurps
 - c. on the slips
 - d. on the slaps
- 5) These are an eyesore on the mountain's _____
 - a. once-pressed inhabitant
 - b. ones-pristine habitation
 - c. once-pristine habitat
 - d. ones- pressed inhabitant
- 6) A local official told reporters that Fuji faces _____
 - a. a real crises
 - b. a role crisis
 - c. a rail crisis
 - d. a real crisis
- 7) We can't just wait for improvement; we need to _____
 - a. trickle over-tourism
 - b. tackle over-tourism
 - c. tack all over-tourism
 - d. take all over-tourism
- 8) The mountain's fifth base station has seen a 50 per cent _____
 - a. jumping visitors
 - b. jump pin visitors
 - c. jump in visitors
 - d. jam pin visitors
- 9) Another headache for local authorities _____
 - a. is "bullet climbers
 - b. is "pull it climbers
 - c. is "bully climbers
 - d. is "bull it climbers
- 10) The official climbing season ended on Sunday, giving _____
 - a. Fuji a respite
 - b. Fuji a despite
 - c. Fuji a in spite
 - d. Fuji are spite

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230911-climbing-mt-fuji.html>

Japan's Mt. Fuji's UNESCO World Heritage status (1) _____ due to over-tourism. The iconic (2) _____ as a world heritage site in 2013. However, a spike in the number of tourists scaling the majestic mountain is threatening that listing. Japan is experiencing a post- (3) _____, and many visitors are making a beeline for Fuji-san's climbing trails. Mt. Fuji is (4) _____ Japan that many Japanese hope to climb it at least once in their lives. The burgeoning number of climbers is causing environmental damage on the slopes. (5) _____ across the volcanic ash, and large parking lots have been constructed to accommodate tourists. These are an eyesore on the mountain's (6) _____.

A local official told reporters that: "Fuji (7) _____ crisis. Tourism has become uncontrollable, and we fear that Mt. Fuji will soon become so unattractive, nobody would want to climb it." He added: "Fuji-san is (8) _____. We can't just wait for improvement; we need to tackle over-tourism now." The mountain's (9) _____ has seen a 50 per cent jump in visitors since 2013, with about four million visitors this summer. Another headache for local authorities (10) _____. These are people who attempt to (11) _____ Fuji in 24 hours. They risk getting altitude sickness and hypothermia. The official climbing season ended on Sunday, giving Fuji a (12) _____ damage.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230911-climbing-mt-fuji.html>

1. When did Mt. Fuji become a UNESCO World Heritage site?
2. What kind of boom does the article say Japan is experiencing?
3. What are people making a beeline for?
4. What is strewn across the volcanic ash?
5. What does the article say the once-pristine habitat has become?
6. What did a local official say Mt. Fuji faces?
7. What did the local official say Fuji is doing?
8. How many visitors did Mt. Fuji get in 2013?
9. What are people called who go up and down Mt. Fuji in 24 hours?
10. What do climbers risk getting if they climb Mt. Fuji too quickly?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230911-climbing-mt-fuji.html>

- 1) When did Mt. Fuji become a UNESCO World Heritage sight?
 - a) 2012
 - b) 2013
 - c) 2014
 - d) 2015
- 2) What kind of boom does the article say Japan is experiencing?
 - a) a mountain-climbing boom
 - b) a sonic boom
 - c) a boom in beelines
 - d) a post-covid tourist boom
- 3) What are people making a beeline for?
 - a) Fuji-san's climbing trails
 - b) a honey shop at the foot of Mt. Fuji
 - c) hiking shops
 - d) huts on Mt. Fuji
- 4) What is strewn across the volcanic ash?
 - a) discarded tents
 - b) cigarette butts
 - c) litter
 - d) unwanted rainwear
- 5) What does the article say the once-pristine habitat has become?
 - a) an earache
 - b) an eyesore
 - c) a heartbreak
 - d) a no-brainer
- 6) What did a local official say Mt. Fuji faces?
 - a) poor weather
 - b) closure
 - c) a real crisis
 - d) serious damage
- 7) What did the local official say Fuji is doing?
 - a) surviving
 - b) remaining beautiful
 - c) singing with joy
 - d) screaming in pain
- 8) How many visitors did Mt. Fuji get in 2013?
 - a) about four million
 - b) exactly four million
 - c) fewer than four million
 - d) about four million
- 9) What are people called who go up and down Mt. Fuji in 24 hours?
 - a) bullet climbers
 - b) one-day climbers
 - c) all-day climbers
 - d) midnight climbers
- 10) What do climbers risk getting if they climb Mt. Fuji too quickly?
 - a) bad knees and bad backs
 - b) altitude sickness (and hypothermia)
 - c) headaches (and dizziness)
 - d) the bends

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230911-climbing-mt-fuji.html>

Role A – Mt. Fuji

You think Mt. Fuji is the best site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Great Barrier Reef, Grand Canyon or Taj Mahal.

Role B – Great Barrier Reef

You think the Great Barrier Reef is the best site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Mt. Fuji, Grand Canyon or Taj Mahal.

Role C – Grand Canyon

You think the Grand Canyon is the best site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Great Barrier Reef, Mt. Fuji or Taj Mahal.

Role D – Taj Mahal

You think the Taj Mahal is the best site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sites. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Great Barrier Reef, Grand Canyon or Mt. Fuji.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230911-climbing-mt-fuji.html>

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

tourism	heritage
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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">• due• spike• boom• hope• slopes• once	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• real• nobody• pain• headache• risk• official
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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.

TOURISM 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 'tourism'?
3. What do you know about Mt. Fuji?
4. Would you like to climb Mt. Fuji?
5. What world heritage sites does your country have?
6. What do you think of tourists in your country?
7. What problems come with over-tourism?
8. What do you think of hiking up mountains?
9. What do you think when you see litter everywhere?
10. Should we limit the number of tourists who visit tourist sights?

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TOURISM 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 'heritage'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are your favourite mountains?
15. What advice do you have for those climbing Mt. Fuji?
16. What kind of tourist are you?
17. What can authorities do about the over-tourism problem?
18. Do you prefer mountains or beaches?
19. What do you know about altitude sickness and hypothermia?
20. What questions would you like to ask the local official?

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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Japan's Mt. Fuji's UNESCO World Heritage status is (1) _____ threat due to over-tourism. The iconic (2) _____ was listed as a world heritage site in 2013. However, a spike in the number of tourists scaling the majestic mountain is (3) _____ that listing. Japan is experiencing a post-covid tourist boom, and many visitors are making a beeline for Fuji-san's climbing (4) _____. Mt. Fuji is so sacred in Japan that many Japanese hope to climb it at least once in their lives. The burgeoning number of climbers is causing environmental damage on the slopes. Litter is (5) _____ across the volcanic ash, and large parking lots have been constructed to accommodate tourists. These are an (6) _____ on the mountain's once-pristine habitat.

A local official told reporters that: "Fuji (7) _____ a real crisis. Tourism has become uncontrollable, and we fear that Mt. Fuji will soon become so unattractive, nobody would want to climb it." He added: "Fuji-san is screaming (8) _____ pain. We can't just wait for improvement; we need to tackle over-tourism now." The mountain's fifth base station has seen a 50 per cent jump (9) _____ visitors since 2013, with about four million visitors this summer. Another (10) _____ for local authorities is "bullet climbers". These are people who attempt to ascend and descend Fuji in 24 hours. They risk getting (11) _____ sickness and hypothermia. The official climbing season ended on Sunday, giving Fuji a (12) _____ from further damage.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) undue | (b) cover | (c) over | (d) under |
| 2. | (a) pike | (b) poke | (c) perk | (d) peak |
| 3. | (a) threatens | (b) threatening | (c) threatened | (d) threaten |
| 4. | (a) trials | (b) thrills | (c) trails | (d) trolls |
| 5. | (a) stowed | (b) stewed | (c) strewn | (d) straw |
| 6. | (a) eyesore | (b) earshot | (c) earache | (d) armful |
| 7. | (a) profiles | (b) faces | (c) skulls | (d) heads |
| 8. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at | (d) by |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) in | (c) on | (d) of |
| 10. | (a) backache | (b) toothache | (c) headache | (d) stomachache |
| 11. | (a) height | (b) elevation | (c) altitude | (d) loftiness |
| 12. | (a) despite | (b) spite | (c) in spite | (d) respite |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230911-climbing-mt-fuji.html>

Paragraph 1

1. scaling the jaiseemt mountain
2. making a ineeebl for Fuji-san's climbing trails
3. Mt. Fuji is so rdaesc in Japan
4. The unbgogienr number of climbers
5. constructed to aomcdatcome tourists
6. the mountain's once-nsptriie habitat

Paragraph 2

7. become so vtataeucnrti
8. we need to lkceat over-tourism now
9. Another headache for local uitrheoiast
10. ascend and snecedd Fuji
11. getting altitude sickness and oyaephrmti
12. giving Fuji a tperise from further damage

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230911-climbing-mt-fuji.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) Japan's Mt. Fuji's UNESCO World Heritage status is under threat due to over-tourism. The iconic
- () summer. Another headache for local authorities is "bullet climbers". These are people who attempt to ascend
- () and descend Fuji in 24 hours. They risk getting altitude sickness and hypothermia. The official
- () in pain. We can't just wait for improvement; we need to tackle over-tourism now." The mountain's fifth base
- () climbing season ended on Sunday, giving Fuji a respite from further damage.
- () sacred in Japan that many Japanese hope to climb it at least once in their lives. The burgeoning number
- () station has seen a 50 per cent jump in visitors since 2013, with about four million visitors this
- () boom, and many visitors are making a beeline for Fuji-san's climbing trails. Mt. Fuji is so
- () that Mt. Fuji will soon become so unattractive, nobody would want to climb it." He added: "Fuji-san is screaming
- () peak was listed as a world heritage site in 2013. However, a spike in the number of tourists
- () lots have been constructed to accommodate tourists. These are an eyesore on the mountain's once-pristine habitat.
- () of climbers is causing environmental damage on the slopes. Litter is strewn across the volcanic ash, and large parking
- () A local official told reporters that: "Fuji faces a real crisis. Tourism has become uncontrollable, and we fear
- () scaling the majestic mountain is threatening that listing. Japan is experiencing a post-covid tourist

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230911-climbing-mt-fuji.html>

1. scaling that mountain the is listing . threatening Tourists
2. tourist experiencing is Japan post-covid boom . a
3. damage . number burgeoning of climbers causing The environmental
4. tourists . to lots accommodate been Parking have constructed
5. on the once-pristine mountain's They're an eyesore habitat .
6. fear unattractive . become that We Mt. Fuji soon will
7. Fuji-san that added screaming is pain . in He
8. authorities bullet climbers . for headache is local Another
9. sickness altitude hypothermia . risk getting and They
10. official season on The ended Sunday . climbing

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230911-climbing-mt-fuji.html>

Japan's Mt. Fuji's UNESCO World Heritage status is *under / over* threat due to over-tourism. The iconic peak was *enlisted / listed* as a world heritage site in 2013. However, a *spoke / spike* in the number of tourists scaling the majestic mountain is threatening *that / their* listing. Japan is experiencing a post-covid tourist boom, and many visitors are making a *beeline / hairline* for Fuji-san's climbing *trails / trials*. Mt. Fuji is so sacred in Japan that many Japanese hope to climb it at least once *in / on* their lives. The burgeoning number of climbers is *causing / causal* environmental damage on the slopes. Litter is strewn across the volcanic ash, and large parking lots have been constructed to *house / accommodate* tourists. These are an eyesore on the mountain's once-pristine *habit / habitat*.

A *local / locally* official told reporters that: "Fuji faces a real crisis. Tourism has become uncontrollable, and we *afraid / fear* that Mt. Fuji will soon become so unattractive, nobody *would / should* want to climb it." He added: "Fuji-san is screaming *on / in* pain. We can't just wait *for / to* improvement; we need to tackle over-tourism now." The mountain's fifth base station has seen a 50 per cent jump *on / in* visitors since 2013, with about four million visitors this summer. Another *backache / headache* for local authorities is "bullet climbers". These are people who attempt to ascend and *rescind / descend* Fuji in 24 hours. They risk *getting / gotten* altitude sickness and hypothermia. The official climbing season ended on Sunday, giving Fuji a respite *to / from* further damage.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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J_p_n's Mt. F_j_'s _N_SC_ W_rld H_r_t_g_ st_t_s _s
_nd_r thr__t d__ t_ _v_r-t__r_sm. Th_ _c_n_c p__k
w_s l_st_d _s _ w_rld h_r_t_g_ s_t_ _n 2013.
H_w_v_r, _ sp_k_ _n th_ n_mb_r _f t__r_sts sc_l_ng
th_ m_j_st_c m__nt__n _s thr__t_n_ng th_t l_st_ng.
J_p_n _s _xp_r__nc_ng _ p_st-c_v_d t__r_st b__m, _nd
m_ny v_s_t_rs _r_ m_k_ng _ b__l_n_ f_r F_j_-s_n's
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230911-climbing-mt-fuji.html>

japans Mt Fujis unesco world heritage status is under threat due to overtourism the iconic peak was listed as a world heritage site in 2013 however a spike in the number of tourists scaling the majestic mountain is threatening that listing japan is experiencing a postcovid tourist boom and many visitors are making a beeline for fujisans climbing trails Mt. Fuji is so sacred in japan that many japanese hope to climb it at least once in their lives the burgeoning number of climbers is causing environmental damage on the slopes litter is strewn across the volcanic ash and large parking lots have been constructed to accommodate tourists these are an eyesore on the mountains oncepristine habitat

a local official told reporters that fuji faces a real crisis tourism has become uncontrollable and we fear that Mt Fuji will soon become so unattractive nobody would want to climb it he added fujisan is screaming in pain we cant just wait for improvement we need to tackle overtourism now the mountains fifth base station has seen a 50 per cent jump in visitors since 2013 with about four million visitors this summer another headache for local authorities is bullet climbers these are people who attempt to ascend and descend fuji in 24 hours they risk getting altitude sickness and hypothermia the official climbing season ended on sunday giving fuji a respite from further damage

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Japan's Mt. Fuji's UNESCO World Heritage status is under threat due to over-tourism. The iconic peak was listed as a world heritage site in 2013. However, a spike in the number of tourists scaling the majestic mountain is threatening that listing. Japan is experiencing a post-COVID tourist boom, and many visitors are making a beeline for Fuji-san's climbing trails. Mt. Fuji is so sacred in Japan that many Japanese hope to climb it at least once in their lives. The burgeoning numbers of climbers is causing environmental damage on the slopes. Litter is strewn across the volcanic ash, and large parking lots have been constructed to accommodate tourists. These are an eyesore on the mountain's once-pristine habitat. A local official told reporters that: "Fuji faces a real crisis. Tourism has become uncontrollable, and we fear that Mt. Fuji will soon become so unattractive, nobody would want to climb it." Headed: "Fuji-san is screaming in pain. We can't just wait for improvement; we need to tackle over-tourism now." The mountain's fifth base station has seen a 50 percent jump in visitors since 2013, with about four million visitors this summer. Another headache for local authorities is "bullet climbers". These are people who attempt to ascend and descend Fuji in 24 hours. They risk getting altitude sickness and hypothermia. The official climbing season ended on Sunday, giving Fuji a reprieve from further damage.

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

4. TOURISM LIMITS: Write a magazine article about putting limits on the number of tourists that can visit famous sights. 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 tourism. Ask him/her three questions about tourism. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to deal with over-tourism. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. e	2. g	3. b	4. i	5. d
6. a	7. h	8. j	9. c	10. f

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 2013
- A post-covid tourist boom
- Fuji-san's climbing trails
- Litter
- An eyesore
- A real crisis
- Screaming in pain
- About four million
- Bullet climbers
- Altitude sickness (and hypothermia)

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Tourists scaling the mountain is threatening that listing.
- Japan is experiencing a post-covid tourist boom.
- The burgeoning number of climbers causing environmental damage.
- Parking lots have been constructed to accommodate tourists.
- They're an eyesore on the mountain's once-pristine habitat.
- We fear that Mt. Fuji will soon become unattractive.
- He added that Fuji-san is screaming in pain.
- Another headache for local authorities is bullet climbers.
- They risk getting altitude sickness and hypothermia.
- The official climbing season ended on Sunday.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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