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Level 5 – 29th April 2024

Town to erect fence to stop Mount Fuji selfies

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240429-overtourism-5.html>

Overtourism is causing headaches for authorities and local residents worldwide. Japan is one country that is battling surging numbers of tourists. The weaker yen has meant people are flocking to see Japan's sites and sample its world-famous cuisine. A town near Mount Fuji has a drastic measure to combat the problem. The town is at the foot of Fuji. It is being inundated with sightseers taking selfies in front of a convenience store, with Fuji-san in the background. Local authorities will erect a giant mesh fence to block the view of Japan's iconic mountain.

A local official said the tourists were creating problems for residents. These include trash in the streets, traffic being blocked, and security guards being employed to control selfie takers. The official said of the fence: "It is regrettable that we had to take such measures." The fence will be 20 metres long and 2.5 metres high. Other places in Japan are also battling overtourism. Locals in the ancient city of Kyoto cannot get on overcrowded buses. Areas of Kyoto have been closed to tourists to stop people harassing geisha, in a problem called "geisha paparazzi".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Overtourism is causing headaches | a. iconic mountain |
| 2. battling surging | b. yen |
| 3. The weaker | c. combat the problem |
| 4. people are flocking | d. numbers of tourists |
| 5. sample its world-famous | e. mesh fence |
| 6. a drastic measure to | f. cuisine |
| 7. erect a giant | g. to see Japan's sites |
| 8. block the view of Japan's | h. for authorities |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. tourists were creating | a. take such measures |
| 2. traffic being | b. guards |
| 3. security | c. geisha |
| 4. regrettable that we had to | d. "geisha paparazzi" |
| 5. Other places in Japan are also | e. problems for residents |
| 6. overcrowded | f. battling overtourism |
| 7. stop people harassing | g. blocked |
| 8. a problem called | h. buses |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Overtourism (1) _____ for authorities and local residents worldwide. Japan is one country that (2) _____ numbers of tourists. The weaker yen has meant people are flocking to see Japan's sites and sample its world-famous cuisine. A town near Mount Fuji has (3) _____ to combat the problem. The town is at the foot of Fuji. It (4) _____ with sightseers taking selfies in front of a convenience store, with Fuji-san (5) _____. Local authorities will erect a giant mesh fence to (6) _____ of Japan's iconic mountain.

(7) _____ said the tourists were creating problems for residents. These (8) _____ the streets, traffic being blocked, and security guards being employed to control selfie takers. The official said of the fence: "(9) _____ that we had to take such measures." The fence will be 20 metres long and 2.5 metres high. Other places in Japan (10) _____ overtourism. Locals in the ancient city of Kyoto cannot get (11) _____. Areas of Kyoto have been closed to tourists to (12) _____ geisha, in a problem called "geisha paparazzi".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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OVERTOURISM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240429-overtourism-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about overtourism 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) _____

