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Town to erect fence to stop Mount Fuji selfies

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THE ARTICLE

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

Overtourism is causing headaches for authorities and consternation for local residents worldwide. Japan is one country that is battling surging numbers of international tourists. The weaker yen has meant people are flocking to see Japan's numerous World Heritage sites and sample its world-famous cuisine. A town near Mount Fuji has devised a drastic measure to combat the problem of overtourism. Fujikawaguchiko, which is at the foot of Fuji, has become inundated with sightseers who want selfies of themselves in front of a brightly coloured convenience store, with Fuji-san as the backdrop. Local authorities have decided to erect a giant mesh fence to obscure the view of Japan's iconic mountain.

A local official told journalists that the increasing number of tourists was creating problems for residents. These include trash being left in the streets, traffic being blocked, and security guards being employed to marshal selfie takers. The official said of the fence: "It is regrettable that we had to take such measures." She added that it was because of "some tourists who cannot respect rules". The fence will be 20 metres long and 2.5 metres high. Other places in Japan are also battling large numbers of overseas visitors. Locals in the ancient city of Kyoto cannot board increasingly overcrowded buses. Areas of Kyoto have been closed to tourists to prevent people harassing geisha, in a problem dubbed as "geisha paparazzi".

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WARM-UPS

1. OVERTOURISM: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about overtourism. 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?

overtourism / headaches / tourists / World Heritage / cuisine / Mount Fuji / sightseers
journalists / trash / security guards / traffic / fence / rules / overseas / buses / geisha

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

3. CAP ON TOURISTS: Students A **strongly** believe every country should limit numbers of tourists to combat overtourism; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. TOURISM: What are the good and bad things about tourism? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good	Bad
Cross-cultural understanding		
Jobs		
Conservation		
Economic growth		
Education		
Personal experience		

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

6. PROBLEMS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Overcrowded buses
- Damage to sites
- Trash
- Rising prices for locals
- Water scarcity
- Culture clashes
- Traffic jams
- Selfie takers

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. consternation | a. When something or someone is overwhelmed or flooded with too much of something. |
| 2. surging | b. Gathering together in a large group. |
| 3. flocking | c. Moving forward quickly and with great force. |
| 4. cuisine | d. Keep from being seen; hide. |
| 5. inundated | e. Feeling very surprised and confused, often because of something unexpected or frightening. |
| 6. drastic | f. The style of cooking and the food that is typical of a certain region or culture. |
| 7. obscure (verb) | g. Very extreme and sudden. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. resident | h. To organize or gather together people or things. |
| 9. marshal (verb) | i. Very old, from a long time ago. |
| 10. regrettable | j. When something or someone is given a name. |
| 11. measure (noun) | k. Something that makes you feel sad or sorry, often because it was a mistake or caused harm. |
| 12. ancient | l. When someone bothers or annoys another person repeatedly, like teasing or bullying someone. |
| 13. harassing | m. A plan or course of action taken to achieve a particular purpose. |
| 14. dubbed | n. Someone who lives or stays in a particular place, like a person who lives in a city or a building. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. Headaches are the biggest cause of tourism for locals in tourist areas. **T / F**
2. Many people are going to Japan because of favourable exchange rates. **T / F**
3. The town in the article is at the head of Mount Fuji. **T / F**
4. Local authorities will make a steel fence to block the view of Mount Fuji. **T / F**
5. The town employs security guards to control selfie takers. **T / F**
6. A town official said she regrets the town is having to erect a fence. **T / F**
7. The fence will be 20 metres high. **T / F**
8. Areas of Kyoto have closed to protect geisha. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. consternation | a. guide |
| 2. surging | b. flooded |
| 3. flocking | c. labelled |
| 4. inundated | d. escalating |
| 5. erect | e. actions |
| 6. marshal | f. dismay |
| 7. measures | g. pestering |
| 8. ancient | h. build |
| 9. harassing | i. crowding |
| 10. dubbed | j. very, very old |

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

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. headaches for authorities and consternation | a. to obscure the view |
| 2. The weaker | b. geisha |
| 3. Fuji has become inundated | c. mountain |
| 4. a giant mesh fence | d. to take such measures |
| 5. Japan's iconic | e. for local residents |
| 6. security guards being employed to | f. as "geisha paparazzi" |
| 7. It is regrettable that we had | g. overcrowded buses |
| 8. board increasingly | h. yen |
| 9. prevent people harassing | i. marshal selfie takers |
| 10. a problem dubbed | j. with sightseers |

GAP FILL

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

Overtourism is causing headaches for authorities and (1) _____ for local residents worldwide. Japan is one country that is battling (2) _____ numbers of international tourists. The weaker yen has meant people are flocking to see Japan's (3) _____ World Heritage sites and sample its world-famous cuisine. A town near Mount Fuji has devised a drastic (4) _____ to combat the problem of overtourism. Fujikawaguchiko, which is at the (5) _____ of Fuji, has become inundated with sightseers who want (6) _____ of themselves in front of a brightly coloured convenience store, with Fuji-san as the (7) _____. Local authorities have decided to erect a giant (8) _____ fence to obscure the view of Japan's iconic mountain.

A local (9) _____ told journalists that the increasing number of tourists was creating problems for (10) _____. These include trash being left in the streets, traffic being blocked, and security guards being employed to (11) _____ selfie takers. The official said of the fence: "It is (12) _____ that we had to take such measures." She added that it was because of "some tourists who cannot respect (13) _____". The fence will be 20 metres long and 2.5 metres high. Other places in Japan are also battling large numbers of overseas visitors. Locals in the (14) _____ city of Kyoto cannot board increasingly overcrowded buses. Areas of Kyoto have been closed to tourists to prevent people (15) _____ geisha, in a problem (16) _____ as "geisha paparazzi".

foot
surging
numerous
backdrop
mesh
measure
consternation
selfies

marshal
rules
official
harassing
regrettable
residents
dubbed
ancient

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Overtourism is causing headaches for _____
 - a. authorizes and concentration
 - b. author rights and consternation
 - c. authorities and concentration
 - d. authorities and consternation
- 2) Japan is one country that is _____
 - a. belting surging numbers
 - b. belittling surging numbers
 - c. battling surging numbers
 - d. bartering surging numbers
- 3) see Japan's numerous World Heritage sites and sample its _____
 - a. world-famous quizzing
 - b. world-famous queues in
 - c. world-famous cuisine
 - d. world-famous cleansing
- 4) Fujikawaguchiko, which is at the foot of Fuji, has become _____
 - a. in updated with sightseers
 - b. and updated with sightseers
 - c. in underrated with sightseers
 - d. inundated with sightseers
- 5) decided to erect a giant mesh fence to obscure the view of _____
 - a. Japan's iconic mountain
 - b. Japan's conical mountain
 - c. Japan's icon nick mountain
 - d. Japan's hike conic mountain
- 6) A local official told journalists that the increasing _____
 - a. number of tourism
 - b. number of tourists
 - c. number of tour wrists
 - d. number of tour writs
- 7) traffic being blocked, and security guards being employed to _____
 - a. marshal selfie makers
 - b. marshal selfie takers
 - c. marshal selfie fakers
 - d. marshal selfie bakers
- 8) She added that it was because of "some tourists who _____"
 - a. cannot inspect rules
 - b. cannot re-specked rules
 - c. cannot whisp pecked rules
 - d. cannot respect rules
- 9) Locals in the ancient city of Kyoto cannot board _____
 - a. increasing lover crowded buses
 - b. increasingly over-clouded buses
 - c. increase in the overcrowded buses
 - d. increasingly overcrowded buses
- 10) closed to tourists to prevent people harassing geisha, in a problem dubbed _____
 - a. as "geisha paparazzi"
 - b. was "geisha paparazzi"
 - c. has "geisha paparazzi"
 - d. ask "geisha paparazzi"

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

Overtourism (1) _____ for authorities and consternation for local residents worldwide. Japan is one country that (2) _____ numbers of international tourists. The weaker yen has meant people (3) _____ see Japan's numerous World Heritage sites and sample its world-famous cuisine. A town near Mount Fuji has devised a drastic measure to combat the problem of overtourism. Fujikawaguchiko, which is (4) _____ of Fuji, has become inundated with sightseers who (5) _____ themselves in front of a brightly coloured convenience store, with Fuji-san as the backdrop. Local authorities have decided to erect a giant mesh fence to (6) _____ of Japan's iconic mountain.

(7) _____ told journalists that the increasing number of tourists was creating problems for residents. These include trash being left in the streets, (8) _____, and security guards being (9) _____ selfie takers. The official said of the fence: "It is regrettable that we had to (10) _____." She added that it was because of "some tourists who cannot respect rules". The fence will be 20 metres long and 2.5 metres high. Other places in Japan are also battling large numbers (11) _____. Locals in the ancient city of Kyoto cannot board increasingly overcrowded buses. Areas of Kyoto have been closed to tourists to prevent people harassing geisha, in a (12) _____ "geisha paparazzi".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Who is overtourism causing consternation for?
2. What thing has become weaker that is making people go to Japan?
3. Where in Japan is the town of Fujikawaguchiko?
4. What is the backdrop for many people who are taking selfies?
5. What is the fence going to be made of?
6. What are security guards in the town doing?
7. What did a local official say about having to erect the fence?
8. How high will the fence be?
9. What in Kyoto is becoming increasingly overcrowded?
10. Who is being harassed in the streets of Kyoto?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Who is overtourism causing consternation for?
 - a) selfie takers
 - b) smartphone makers
 - c) local residents
 - d) convenience store owners
- 2) What thing has become weaker that is making people go to Japan?
 - a) the yen
 - b) sake
 - c) people
 - d) wind strength
- 3) Where in Japan is the town of Fujikawaguchiko?
 - a) at the foot of Mount Fuji
 - b) to the west of Mt Fuji
 - c) the north
 - d) halfway up Mount Fuji
- 4) What is the backdrop for many people who are taking selfies?
 - a) Japan
 - b) Mount Fuji
 - c) a lake
 - d) a mascot
- 5) What is the fence going to be made of?
 - a) concrete
 - b) wood
 - c) steel
 - d) mesh
- 6) What are security guards in the town doing?
 - a) taking selfies
 - b) marshalling selfie takers
 - c) confiscating people's smartphones
 - d) standing in the way of photos
- 7) What did a local official say about having to erect the fence?
 - a) It's regrettable.
 - b) It's necessary.
 - c) It's beautiful.
 - d) It's short term.
- 8) How high will the fence be?
 - a) 12 meters
 - b) 20 meters
 - c) 2.5 metres
 - d) 200 meters
- 9) What in Kyoto is becoming increasingly overcrowded?
 - a) kabuki theatres
 - b) hotels
 - c) restaurants
 - d) buses
- 10) Who is being harassed in the streets of Kyoto?
 - a) geisha
 - b) bus drivers
 - c) selfie takers
 - d) tourists

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Overcrowded Buses

You think overcrowded buses are the biggest problem caused by overtourism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic of these (and why): damage to sites, trash and littering or selfie takers.

Role B – Damage to Sites

You think damage to sites is the biggest problem caused by overtourism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic of these (and why): overcrowded buses, trash and littering or selfie takers.

Role C – Trash and Littering

You think trash and littering is the biggest problem caused by overtourism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic of these (and why): damage to sites, overcrowded buses or selfie takers.

Role D – Selfie Takers

You think selfie takers is the biggest problem caused by overtourism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic of these (and why): damage to sites, trash and littering or overcrowded buses.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

overtourism	selfie
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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">• headaches• battling• weaker• measure• backdrop• giant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• journalists• trash• measures• rules• ancient• closed
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OVERTOURISM SURVEY

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

OVERTOURISM 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 'overtourism'?
3. What do you think of overtourism?
4. What is there to do for tourists in your town?
5. Why might local residents feel consternation over tourists?
6. How important is tourism?
7. What is great about your country's cuisine?
8. What would you really like to take photos of?
9. What do you think of selfies?
10. What do you think of the fence being put up to hide Mount Fuji?

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OVERTOURISM 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 'selfie'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How should tourists behave in other countries?
15. How has social media changed the behaviour of tourists?
16. What kind of tourist are you?
17. What can authorities do about overcrowded buses?
18. How would you feel if tourists made life in your town difficult?
19. What do you think of "paparazzi" tourists?
20. What questions would you like to ask the local officials?

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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A local official told journalists that the (7) _____ number of tourists was creating problems for residents. These include trash being left in the streets, traffic being blocked, and security guards being employed to (8) _____ selfie takers. The official said of the fence: "It is regrettable that we had to take such (9) _____." She added that it was because of "some tourists who cannot respect rules". The fence will be 20 metres long and 2.5 metres high. Other places in Japan are also (10) _____ large numbers of overseas visitors. Locals in the ancient city of Kyoto cannot (11) _____ increasingly overcrowded buses. Areas of Kyoto have been closed to tourists to prevent people harassing geisha, in a problem (12) _____ as "geisha paparazzi".

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | (a) concentration | (b) coronation | (c) consternation | (d) constellation |
| 2. | (a) flocking | (b) flicking | (c) blocking | (d) blacking |
| 3. | (a) that's | (b) its | (c) food | (d) sushi |
| 4. | (a) back | (b) head | (c) shoulder | (d) foot |
| 5. | (a) drop | (b) dewdrop | (c) backdrop | (d) eavesdrop |
| 6. | (a) obscene | (b) obscure | (c) observe | (d) obsolete |
| 7. | (a) increasingly | (b) increases | (c) increase | (d) increasing |
| 8. | (a) martial | (b) sheriff | (c) marshal | (d) deputy |
| 9. | (a) calculates | (b) dimensions | (c) tapes | (d) measures |
| 10. | (a) belittling | (b) baffling | (c) bluffing | (d) battling |
| 11. | (a) plank | (b) board | (c) slab | (d) beam |
| 12. | (a) daubed | (b) dibbed | (c) dabbed | (d) drab |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. sctirtanoone for local residents
2. battling rggunsi numbers
3. unremuso World Heritage sites
4. world-famous nsucie
5. become undainted with sightseers
6. rscoebu the view

Paragraph 2

7. employed to rmsaahl selfie takers
8. It is gelrbteate that we had to
9. bgattinl large numbers
10. the enitacn city of Kyoto
11. prevent people hrnsasiag geisha
12. dubbed as geisha paazazirp

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () for residents. These include trash being left in the streets, traffic being blocked, and security
- () residents worldwide. Japan is one country that is battling surging numbers of international tourists. The weaker
- () of overtourism. Fujikawaguchiko, which is at the foot of Fuji, has become inundated with
- () in the ancient city of Kyoto cannot board increasingly overcrowded buses. Areas of Kyoto have been closed to tourists
- () cuisine. A town near Mount Fuji has devised a drastic measure to combat the problem
- () sightseers who want selfies of themselves in front of a brightly coloured convenience store, with Fuji-san as the
- () guards being employed to marshal selfie takers. The official said of the fence: "It is regrettable that we had to take such
- (**1**) Overtourism is causing headaches for authorities and consternation for local
- () measures." She added that it was because of "some tourists who cannot respect rules". The fence will
- () to prevent people harassing geisha, in a problem dubbed as "geisha paparazzi".
- () yen has meant people are flocking to see Japan's numerous World Heritage sites and sample its world-famous
- () be 20 metres long and 2.5 metres high. Other places in Japan are also battling large numbers of overseas visitors. Locals
- () backdrop. Local authorities have decided to erect a giant mesh fence to obscure the view of Japan's iconic mountain.
- () A local official told journalists that the increasing number of tourists was creating problems

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. surging One numbers . battling that is country
2. combat to measure A drastic problems of overtourism .
3. want who with sightseers of Inundated selfies themselves .
4. of a brightly convenience coloured store . In front
5. obscure to giant the view . mesh A fence
6. of increasing problems . The tourists was number creating
7. being left trash the include in streets . These
8. to take Regrettable had we measures . such that
9. in are Japan large also battling Places numbers .
10. Areas to been have tourists . Kyoto of closed

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Overtourism is causing headaches for authorities and consternation for *locally / local* residents worldwide. Japan is one country that is *bottling / battling* surging numbers of international tourists. The *weaker / weaken* yen has meant people are *flocking / flicking* to see Japan's numerous World Heritage sites and sample its world-famous *cosine / cuisine*. A town near Mount Fuji has devised a drastic measure *for / to* combat the problem of overtourism. Fujikawaguchiko, which is at the *toe / foot* of Fuji, has become inundated with *sightseers / soothsayers* who want selfies of themselves in front of a brightly coloured convenience store, with Fuji-san *has / as* the backdrop. Local authorities have decided to erect a giant mesh fence to obscure the view *of / on* Japan's iconic mountain.

A local official told journalists that the *increasing / increases* number of tourists was creating problems for *residence / residents*. These include trash being left in the streets, traffic being blocked, and security guards being employed to *marshal / martial* selfie takers. The official said of the fence: "It is regrettable that we had to take *such / so* measures." She added that it was because of "some tourists *who / whom* cannot respect rules". The fence will be 20 metres long and 2.5 metres high. Other places in Japan are also battling *whole / large* numbers of overseas visitors. Locals in *an / the* ancient city of Kyoto cannot *board / bard* increasingly overcrowded buses. Areas of Kyoto have been *closeted / closed* to tourists to prevent people harassing geisha, in a problem *dubbed / daubed* as "geisha paparazzi".

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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_v_r_t__r_sm _s c__s_ng h__d_ch_s f_r __th_r_t__s _nd
c_nst_rn_t__n f_r l_c_l r_s_d_n_t_s w_rldw_d_. J_p_n _s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

overtourism is causing headaches for authorities and consternation for local residents worldwide japan is one country that is battling surging numbers of international tourists the weaker yen has meant people are flocking to see japans numerous world heritage sites and sample its worldfamous cuisine a town near mount fuji has devised a drastic measure to combat the problem of overtourism fujikawaguchiko which is at the foot of fuji has become inundated with sightseers who want selfies of themselves in front of a brightly coloured convenience store with fujisan as the backdrop local authorities have decided to erect a giant mesh fence to obscure the view of japans iconic mountain

a local official told journalists that the increasing number of tourists was creating problems for residents these include trash being left in the streets traffic being blocked and security guards being employed to marshal selfie takers the official said of the fence it is regrettable that we had to take such measures she added that it was because of some tourists who cannot respect rules the fence will be 20 metres long and 2.5 metres high other places in japan are also battling large numbers of overseas visitors locals in the ancient city of kyoto cannot board increasingly overcrowded buses areas of kyoto have been closed to tourists to prevent people harassing geisha in a problem dubbed as geisha paparazzi

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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

Write about **overtourism** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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

Countries should limit the number of tourists visiting them. Discuss.

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

4. CAP ON TOURISTS: Write a magazine article about each country should have a cap on tourists to prevent overtourism. 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 overtourism. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to deal with overtourism. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Local residents
- The Japanese yen
- At the foot of Mount Fuji
- Mount Fuji
- Mesh
- Marshalling selfie takers
- It's regrettable
- Twenty metres high
- Buses
- Geisha

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- One country that is battling surging numbers.
- A drastic measure to combat problems of overtourism.
- Inundated with sightseers who want selfies of themselves.
- In front of a brightly coloured convenience store.
- A giant mesh fence to obscure the view.
- The increasing number of tourists was creating problems.
- These include trash being left in the streets.
- Regrettable that we had to take such measures.
- Places in Japan are also battling large numbers.
- Areas of Kyoto have been closed to tourists.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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