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**Level 2 – 25th July 2024**

**Spanish residents take to streets against mass tourism**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240725-mass-tourism-2.html>

Thousands of people in Spain are protesting against mass tourism. Residents have sprayed tourists with water guns. In Mallorca, 10,000 people took to the streets shouting: "Enough is enough." People there are angry that their rents are increasing. It is now very difficult for locals to buy a house. This is because of tourism. Property prices are very high because companies are buying them to rent to tourists. A tourism spokesperson said: "The people who work in the tourism industry can't afford the rent in their own city." She said this is unsustainable and things have to change.

Residents in tourist areas have many complaints. Many can no longer find somewhere to live. Some have to move house because landlords are increasing rents. Daily life is also becoming a problem. Buses and trains are full of tourists with backpacks. Towns are having problems keeping their streets clean of litter. Local people also have problems eating at their favourite restaurants because of tourists. Spain is not the only country where tourism is a problem. Japan, Austria and Mexico also have problems. They want to find a balance between helping local people and tourists.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/jun/28/malaga-protest-mass-tourism-housing-spain>  
<https://www.dw.com/en/barcelona-to-up-tourist-tax-as-mallorca-seeks-visitor-cap/a-69722824>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240725-mass-tourism-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. protesting against              | a. to change        |
| 2. Residents have sprayed tourists | b. to buy a house   |
| 3. 10,000 people took to the       | c. are very high    |
| 4. Enough is                       | d. streets shouting |
| 5. very difficult for locals       | e. mass tourism     |
| 6. Property prices                 | f. rent to tourists |
| 7. companies are buying them to    | g. with water guns  |
| 8. things have                     | h. enough           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Residents in tourist areas  | a. a balance            |
| 2. Many can no longer find     | b. with backpacks       |
| 3. landlords are               | c. and tourists         |
| 4. trains are full of tourists | d. is a problem         |
| 5. Spain is not the            | e. have many complaints |
| 6. where tourism               | f. increasing rents     |
| 7. They want to find           | g. somewhere to live    |
| 8. helping local people        | h. only country         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240725-mass-tourism-2.html>

Thousands of people in Spain (1) \_\_\_\_\_ mass tourism. Residents have (2) \_\_\_\_\_ water guns. In Mallorca, 10,000 people took to the streets shouting: "Enough is enough." People there are angry that (3) \_\_\_\_\_ increasing. It is now very difficult for locals to buy a house. This is because of tourism. Property (4) \_\_\_\_\_ high because companies are buying them (5) \_\_\_\_\_ tourists. A tourism spokesperson said: "The people who work in the tourism industry can't afford the rent in their own city." She said this is unsustainable and things (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Residents in tourist areas (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Many can no longer find somewhere to live. Some have to move house (8) \_\_\_\_\_ increasing rents. Daily life is also becoming a problem. Buses and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of tourists with backpacks. Towns are having problems keeping their streets (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Local people also have problems (11) \_\_\_\_\_ favourite restaurants because of tourists. Spain is not the only country where tourism is a problem. Japan, Austria and Mexico also have problems. They want to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ between helping local people and tourists.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MASS TOURISM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240725-mass-tourism-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about mass 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.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

