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People from 74 nations can now enter China visa free

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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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China has changed its visa system. Citizens of 74 countries can now visit the country without a visa for up to 30 days. In addition, citizens from 54 countries can stay in-transit for 10 days, but they must have a ticket to a third country. China is slowly increasing the number of visa-free countries, so it can grow its tourism industry. It started allowing visitors from more countries in 2023. It has added almost every European country and many nations from South America, Asia, and the Middle East. More than 20 million visitors entered China without a visa in 2024.

The number of Chinese tourists in China still greatly outnumbers international tourists. China is preparing for a big increase in the number of overseas travellers. Tour companies need guides and staff, to help with more customers. An English-speaking tour guide with 20 years of experience said: "I'm flooded with tours, and I'm struggling to keep up." He started a new business to train new tour guides. The director of a luxury tour company, said: "The new visa policies are 100 per cent beneficial to us." She said business was up 50 per cent compared to before the pandemic.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. China has changed its visa | a. for 10 days |
| 2. Citizens of | b. a visa |
| 3. visit the country without | c. to 30 days |
| 4. for up | d. entered China |
| 5. in-transit | e. 74 countries |
| 6. grow its tourism | f. East |
| 7. Asia, and the Middle | g. system |
| 8. More than 20 million visitors | h. industry |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. China is preparing | a. up 50 per cent |
| 2. the number of overseas | b. up |
| 3. I'm flooded | c. for a big increase |
| 4. I'm struggling to keep | d. pandemic |
| 5. a luxury | e. with tours |
| 6. visa policies are 100 per cent | f. tour company |
| 7. business was | g. beneficial |
| 8. before the | h. travellers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China has (1) _____ system. Citizens of 74 countries can now visit the country (2) _____ for up to 30 days. In addition, citizens from 54 countries can stay in-transit for 10 days, but they must (3) _____ to a third country. China is slowly increasing the number of visa-free countries, so it can grow (4) _____. It started allowing visitors from more countries in 2023. It has (5) _____ European country and many nations from South America, Asia, and the Middle East. More than 20 (6) _____ China without a visa in 2024.

(7) _____ Chinese tourists in China still greatly outnumber international tourists. China (8) _____ a big increase in the number of overseas travellers. Tour companies need (9) _____, to help with more customers. An English-speaking tour guide with 20 years of experience said: "I'm flooded with tours, and I'm (10) _____ up." He started a new business to (11) _____ guides. The director of a luxury tour company, said: "The new visa policies are 100 per cent beneficial to us." She said (12) _____ 50 per cent compared to before the pandemic.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TRAVEL VISAS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about travel visas 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **travel visas** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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