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**Level 4 – 22nd December 2025**

## **New fee to get close to Rome's Trevi Fountain**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251222-trevi-fountain-fee-4.html>

Rome will charge a fee to get close to its world-famous Trevi Fountain. From February, visitors will have to pay two euros to get close to it. Rome wants to deal with the growing numbers of sightseers at the sight. The famous fountain is suffering because of overtourism. There is a lot of congestion in the summer. Crowds and people taking selfies are damaging the ambiance. Visitors have also damaged the stonework surrounding the fountain.

Rome's mayor said the fee could raise \$7.6 million a year. He said 30,000 people visited the attraction every day this year. That is over ten million visitors. City residents will not have to pay the fee. The mayor said: "Culture is a fundamental right of citizenship. The citizens of Rome can enjoy our museums free of charge." The fountain was completed in 1762. It depicts the god of all water, and symbolizes the wild force of the world's seas and rivers.

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/world/rome-charge-tourists-get-close-famed-trevi-fountain-2025-12-19/>  
<https://www.dw.com/en/rome-to-introduce-entry-fee-for-historic-trevi-fountain/a-75248561>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251222-trevi-fountain-fee-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Rome will charge              | a. the fountain          |
| 2. get close to its world-       | b. get close to it       |
| 3. pay two euros to              | c. overtourism           |
| 4. deal with the growing numbers | d. in the summer         |
| 5. suffering because of          | e. a fee                 |
| 6. There is a lot of congestion  | f. selfies               |
| 7. people taking                 | g. famous Trevi Fountain |
| 8. the stonework surrounding     | h. of sightseers         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the fee could                | a. of charge            |
| 2. 30,000 people visited        | b. all water            |
| 3. City residents will not have | c. right of citizenship |
| 4. Culture is a fundamental     | d. of the world's seas  |
| 5. enjoy our museums free       | e. raise \$7.6 million  |
| 6. The fountain was             | f. to pay the fee       |
| 7. It depicts the god of        | g. completed in 1762    |
| 8. symbolizes the wild force    | h. the attraction       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Rome (1) \_\_\_\_\_ fee to get close to its world-famous Trevi Fountain. From February, visitors will have to pay two euros to get (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Rome wants to deal with the growing numbers of sightseers (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The famous fountain is suffering because of overtourism. There is a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in the summer. Crowds and people taking selfies are (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Visitors have also damaged the stonework (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Rome's mayor said the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ \$7.6 million a year. He said 30,000 people visited (8) \_\_\_\_\_ day this year. That is over ten million visitors. City residents will not have to pay the fee. The mayor said: "Culture is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of citizenship. The citizens of Rome can enjoy our museums (10) \_\_\_\_\_." The fountain was completed in 1762. It (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of all water, and symbolizes the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the world's seas and rivers.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# TOURIST SITES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251222-trevi-fountain-fee-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tourist sites 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251222-trevi-fountain-fee-4.html>

Write about **tourist sites** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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