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Level 5 – 22nd December 2025

New fee to get close to Rome's Trevi Fountain

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

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THE READING

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Authorities in Rome have decided to charge a fee to get close to the world-famous Trevi Fountain. From February, visitors will have to pay two euros to get close up to it. One reason for the charge is to deal with the growing numbers of sightseers who are flocking to the sight. Like other tourist hotspots, the famous fountain is suffering from the effects of overtourism. There is a lot of congestion in the peak summer months. Large crowds and people taking selfies have damaged the ambiance of the fountain. Visitors have also damaged the stonework surrounding it.

Rome's mayor said the "Trevi levy" could raise 6.5 million euros (\$7.6 million) a year. He said that around 30,000 people visited the attraction every day this year. That is over ten million visitors. However, city residents will be exempt from paying the fee. The mayor said: "We believe that culture is a fundamental right of citizenship." He added: "The citizens of Rome can enjoy our museums free of charge." The fountain was completed in 1762. It depicts Oceanus, the god of all water, and symbolizes the untamed 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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Authorities | a. congestion |
| 2. charge a | b. the fountain |
| 3. deal with the growing | c. flocking to the sight |
| 4. sightseers who are | d. in Rome |
| 5. There is a lot of | e. selfies |
| 6. Large crowds and people taking | f. surrounding it |
| 7. damaged the ambiance of | g. numbers |
| 8. damaged the stonework | h. fee |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the "Trevi levy" could raise | a. the god of all water |
| 2. people visited the | b. visitors |
| 3. That is over ten million | c. of the world's seas |
| 4. residents will be exempt | d. attraction every day |
| 5. a fundamental right | e. 6.5 million euros |
| 6. enjoy our museums free | f. of citizenship |
| 7. It depicts Oceanus, | g. of charge |
| 8. the untamed force | h. from paying the fee |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Authorities in Rome have decided (1) _____ fee to get close to the world-famous Trevi Fountain. From February, visitors will have to pay two euros to get (2) _____ it. One reason for the charge is to deal with the growing numbers of sightseers who are (3) _____ sight. Like other tourist hotspots, the famous fountain is suffering from the (4) _____. There is a lot of congestion in the peak summer months. Large crowds and (5) _____ have damaged the ambiance of the fountain. Visitors have also damaged the (6) _____.

Rome's mayor said the "Trevi (7) _____ 6.5 million euros (\$7.6 million) a year. He said that around 30,000 people visited (8) _____ day this year. That is over ten million visitors. However, city residents (9) _____ from paying the fee. The mayor said: "We believe that culture is a fundamental (10) _____." He added: "The citizens of Rome can enjoy our museums (11) _____." The fountain was completed in 1762. It depicts Oceanus, the god 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

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

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