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New fee to get close to Rome's Trevi Fountain

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THE ARTICLE

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Authorities in Italy's capital city, Rome, have decided to charge tourists a fee to get close to the city's world-famous Trevi Fountain. From the first of February, visitors will have to pay two euros to experience the landmark close up. One reason for the new measure is to address the burgeoning numbers of sightseers who are flocking to the sight. Similar to many other tourist hotspots around the world, the famed fountain is suffering from the effects of overtourism. There has been serious congestion in the peak months of summer. Large crowds and people vying for selfies have diminished the ambiance of the historic fountain. Visitors have also damaged the stonework surrounding it.

Rome's mayor, Roberto Gualtieri, said the "Trevi levy" was expected to raise 6.5 million euros (\$7.6 million) a year. Gualtieri said that on average, around 30,000 people visited the attraction every day this year. That amounts to over ten million visitors. However, city residents will be exempt from paying the tourist tax. The mayor said: "We believe that culture is a fundamental right of citizenship." He added: "We think it's correct and positive that the citizens of Rome can enjoy our museums free of charge." The fountain was initially commissioned in 1640 and was completed in 1762. It depicts Oceanus, the god of all water, and symbolizes the vast, 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/>
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WARM-UPS

1. TOURIST SITES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about tourist sites. 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?

Italy / capital city / tourists / landmark / fountain / hotspots / overtourism / selfies / mayor / residents / tourist tax / culture / a fundamental right / museums / rivers

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

3. TOURISM FEES: Students A **strongly** believe all cities should introduce tourist fees; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CAPITAL CITIES: What do you know about these cities? What would you like to do in them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want to Do
Rome		
London		
Tokyo		
Beijing		
Nairobi		
Buenos Aires		

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

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

- The Trevi Fountain
- The Pyramids
- The Sydney Opera House
- Table Mountain
- Machu Picchu
- The Statue of Liberty
- The Taj Mahal
- Angkor Wat

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. authorities | a. A place being too full, with too many people or vehicles. |
| 2. landmark | b. A famous place or building that helps people know where they are. |
| 3. burgeoning | c. Moving or going together in large numbers. |
| 4. flocking | d. People or groups who have the power to make rules or decisions. |
| 5. famed | e. Trying to win, get, or be better than others. |
| 6. congestion | f. Growing very fast. |
| 7. vying | g. Well known by many people. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 8. levy (noun) | h. Officially asked to create a building or piece of art. |
| 9. exempt (adjective) | i. Very important and basic. |
| 10. fundamental | j. Very, very large. |
| 11. commissioned | k. Money that people must pay, usually to a government. |
| 12. depict | l. Not required to do something or pay something. |
| 13. vast | m. Not controlled by people; wild and natural. |
| 14. untamed | n. Show or describe something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. The fee to get close to the Trevi Fountain will start in February. **T / F**
2. The fee will be 10 euros. **T / F**
3. The charge will help to deal with overtourism at the fountain. **T / F**
4. Local authorities said they will ban people taking selfies. **T / F**
5. The fee will raise around 65 million euros a year. **T / F**
6. All Italian citizens will be exempt from paying the fee. **T / F**
7. The Trevi Fountain was finished over 250 years ago. **T / F**
8. The god of all water is one of the statues at the Trevi Fountain. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. charge | a. entitlement |
| 2. measure | b. well known |
| 3. burgeoning | c. huge |
| 4. famed | d. action |
| 5. ambiance | e. amass |
| 6. raise | f. skyrocketing |
| 7. fundamental | g. at first |
| 8. right | h. levy |
| 9. initially | i. basic |
| 10. vast | j. atmosphere |

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

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. decided to charge | a. the attraction every day |
| 2. address the burgeoning | b. to the sight |
| 3. flocking | c. for selfies |
| 4. suffering from the effects | d. of the world's seas |
| 5. people vying | e. citizenship |
| 6. 30,000 people visited | f. tourists a fee |
| 7. residents will be exempt | g. of charge |
| 8. a fundamental right of | h. of overtourism |
| 9. enjoy our museums free | i. from paying |
| 10. symbolizes the vast, untamed force | j. numbers of sightseers |

GAP FILL

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effects
burgeoning
charge
congestion
ambiance
hotspots
landmark
vying

Rome's mayor, Roberto Gualtieri, said the "Trevi (9) _____" was expected to raise 6.5 million euros (\$7.6 million) a year. Gualtieri said that on (10) _____, around 30,000 people visited the attraction every day this year. That (11) _____ to over ten million visitors. However, city residents will be (12) _____ from paying the tourist tax. The mayor said: "We believe that culture is a fundamental (13) _____ of citizenship." He added: "We think it's correct and positive that the (14) _____ of Rome can enjoy our museums free of charge." The fountain was (15) _____ commissioned in 1640 and was completed in 1762. It depicts Oceanus, the god of all water, and (16) _____ the vast, untamed force of the world's seas and rivers.

amounts
initially
exempt
symbolizes
levy
citizens
average
right

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Authorities in Italy's capital city, Rome, have decided to charge _____.
 - a. tourists a free
 - b. tourists the fee
 - c. tourists a fee
 - d. tourism a fee
- 2) the famed fountain is suffering from the _____.
 - a. affects of overtourism
 - b. effects of overtourism
 - c. infects of overtourism
 - d. reflects of overtourism
- 3) There has been serious congestion in _____.
 - a. the poke months
 - b. the perk months
 - c. the peak months
 - d. the peek months
- 4) Large crowds and people _____.
 - a. baying for selfies
 - b. vying for selfies
 - c. flying for selfies
 - d. buying for selfies
- 5) Visitors have also damaged the _____.
 - a. stoned work surrounding it
 - b. stone works surrounding it
 - c. stonework surround in it
 - d. stonework surrounding it
- 6) Roberto Gualtieri said the "Trevi levy" was expected to _____.
 - a. raise 6.5 million euros
 - b. rise 6.5 million euros
 - c. raze 6.5 million euros
 - d. arise 6.5 million euros
- 7) However, city residents will be exempt from paying _____.
 - a. the tourist taxi
 - b. the tourist tax
 - c. the tourist tacks
 - d. the tour-wrist tax
- 8) The mayor said: "We believe that culture is a fundamental _____."
 - a. rights of citizenship
 - b. light of citizenship
 - c. alight of citizenship
 - d. right of citizenship
- 9) it's correct and positive that the citizens of Rome can enjoy our museums _____.
 - a. free of charge
 - b. free of charged
 - c. free off charge
 - d. freer of charge
- 10) It depicts Oceanus, the god of all water, and symbolizes the _____.
 - a. vast, untamed farce
 - b. vast, untamed fierce
 - c. vast, untamed forceps
 - d. vast, untamed force

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. When will the fee come into effect?
2. What does the charge hope to address?
3. What is the fountain suffering from?
4. What has diminished the ambiance of the fountain besides large crowds?
5. What have tourists damaged that surrounds the Trevi Fountain?
6. How many people have visited the fountain this year?
7. Who will be exempt from paying the charge?
8. What did Rome's mayor say people have a right to?
9. When was the fountain commissioned?
10. Who is Oceanus?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1) When will the fee come into effect?
a) April 1
b) March 1
c) February 1
d) January 1 | 6) How many people have visited the fountain this year?
a) exactly 10 million
b) over 10 million
c) around 10 million
d) just fewer than 10 million |
| 2) What does the charge hope to address?
a) burgeoning numbers of sightseers
b) envelopes
c) the rising price of fountain water
d) climate change | 7) Who will be exempt from paying the charge?
a) the over-60s
b) all Italians
c) schoolchildren
d) local citizens |
| 3) What is the fountain suffering from?
a) algae
b) bubbles
c) acidification
d) overtourism | 8) What did Rome's mayor say people have a right to?
a) water
b) culture
c) fountains
d) sightseeing |
| 4) What has diminished the ambience of the fountain besides large crowds?
a) noise pollution
b) people vying for selfies
c) litter
d) light pollution | 9) When was the fountain commissioned?
a) 1640
b) 1460
c) 1762
d) 1672 |
| 5) What have tourists damaged that surrounds the Trevi Fountain?
a) water pipes
b) the city walls
c) the stonework
d) the bubble machine | 10) Who is Oceanus?
a) the god of bubbles
b) the god of land
c) the god of fountains
d) the god of all water |

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – The Trevi Fountain

You think the Trevi Fountain is the world's best sightseeing spot. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their spots. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Statue of Liberty, Machu Picchu or the Taj Mahal.

Role B – The Statue of Liberty

You think the Statue of Liberty is the world's best sightseeing spot. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their spots. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Trevi Fountain, Machu Picchu or the Taj Mahal.

Role C – Machu Picchu

You think Machu Picchu is the world's best sightseeing spot. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their spots. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Statue of Liberty, the Trevi Fountain or the Taj Mahal.

Role D – The Taj Mahal

You think the Taj Mahal is the world's best sightseeing spot. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their spots. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Statue of Liberty, Machu Picchu or the Trevi Fountain.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'fee' and 'fountain'.

fee	fountain

- 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">• decided• first• reason• famed• peak• crowds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• levy• average• residents• right• enjoy• depicts
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TOURIST SITES SURVEY

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

TOURIST SITES 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 'Rome'?
3. What do you know about Rome?
4. What do you think of tourism?
5. What is your town like for tourists?
6. What do you think of paying to get close to a famous fountain?
7. What can we do about the problem of overtourism?
8. What kind of tourist are you?
9. What do you think of tourists taking selfies?
10. What world landmark would you really like to visit?

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TOURIST SITES 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 'fountain'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of Italian cities?
15. Should cities monetize their famous sites?
16. Should city residents be exempt from tourist taxes?
17. How proud are you of your country's culture?
18. What do you think of the world's oceans and rivers?
19. Should we visit sites in our own country and not those overseas?
20. What questions would you like to ask Rome's mayor?

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

- | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. (a) the | (b) big | (c) a | (d) that |
| 2. (a) up | (b) down | (c) in | (d) to |
| 3. (a) address | (b) title | (c) label | (d) mark |
| 4. (a) famed | (b) framed | (c) flamed | (d) farmed |
| 5. (a) summit | (b) peak | (c) crest | (d) apex |
| 6. (a) up | (b) as | (c) to | (d) of |
| 7. (a) arise | (b) rise | (c) raise | (d) risen |
| 8. (a) at | (b) in | (c) of | (d) on |
| 9. (a) exempt | (b) excerpt | (c) exemplary | (d) epitome |
| 10. (a) fundamental | (b) fundament | (c) fundamentally | (d) fundamentalist |
| 11. (a) at | (b) of | (c) on | (d) in |
| 12. (a) aghast | (b) baste | (c) vast | (d) waste |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. address the ruibgnnoge numbers
2. sightseers who are lfgkoicn to the sight
3. serious ootginecsn in the peak months
4. people ngyvi for selfies
5. the abimecna of the historic fountain
6. damaged the stonework sgdnouiurn it

Paragraph 2

7. etdexecp to raise 6.5 million euros
8. 30,000 people visited the tcnoaraitt every day
9. residents will be xemept from paying
10. The fountain was ynitillai commissioned in 1640
11. It dseipct Oceanus, the god of all water
12. the astv, untamed force

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () and positive that the citizens of Rome can enjoy our museums free of charge." The fountain was initially
- (**1**) Authorities in Italy's capital city, Rome, have decided to charge tourists a fee to get
- () close to the city's world-famous Trevi Fountain. From the first of February, visitors will have to pay two euros
- () commissioned in 1640 and was completed in 1762. It depicts Oceanus, the god
- () serious congestion in the peak months of summer. Large crowds and people vying for selfies have diminished
- () hotspots around the world, the famed fountain is suffering from the effects of overtourism. There has been
- () numbers of sightseers who are flocking to the sight. Similar to many other tourist
- () of all water, and symbolizes the vast, untamed force of the world's seas and rivers.
- () Rome's mayor, Roberto Gualtieri, said the "Trevi levy" was expected to raise 6.5 million euros (\$7.6 million) a
- () said: "We believe that culture is a fundamental right of citizenship." He added: "We think it's correct
- () the ambiance of the historic fountain. Visitors have also damaged the stonework surrounding it.
- () to experience the landmark close up. One reason for the new measure is to address the burgeoning
- () to over ten million visitors. However, city residents will be exempt from paying the tourist tax. The mayor
- () year. Gualtieri said that on average, around 30,000 people visited the attraction every day this year. That amounts

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. have Authorities to decided tourists charge fee a .
2. Pay 2 euros experience to landmark the up close .
3. The is measure address to burgeoning the numbers .
4. to Similar tourist other around hotspots world the .
5. Visitors also have the damaged surrounding stonework it .
6. 30,000 Around people the visited every attraction day .
7. will Residents exempt be paying from tax the .
8. Culture a is right fundamental citizenship of .
9. The of citizens can Rome our enjoy museums .
10. symbolizes It untamed the of force seas the .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Authorities / Authority in Italy's capital city, Rome, have decided to charge tourists *a / the* fee to get close to the city's world-famous Trevi Fountain. From the first of February, visitors will have to pay two euros to experience the landmark *close / closely* up. One reason for the new *measurement / measure* is to address the *budgeting / burgeoning* numbers of sightseers who are *flocking / stampeding* to the sight. Similar to many other tourist hotspots around the world, the *framed / famed* fountain is suffering from the effects of overtourism. There has been serious congestion *on / in* the peak months of summer. Large crowds and people vying *for / by* selfies have diminished the ambiance of the historic fountain. Visitors have also damaged the stonework *surrounded / surrounding* it.

Rome's mayor, Roberto Gualtieri, said the "Trevi levy" was expected to *arise / raise* 6.5 million euros (\$7.6 million) a year. Gualtieri said that *in / on* average, around 30,000 people visited the *attraction / attract* every day this year. That *dismounts / amounts* to over ten million visitors. However, city residents will be *redemption / exempt* from paying the tourist tax. The mayor said: "We believe that culture is a *fundamental / fundament* right of citizenship." He added: "We think it's correct and *posit / positive* that the citizens of Rome can enjoy our museums free of charge." The fountain was *ratified / initially* commissioned in 1640 and was completed in 1762. It depicts Oceanus, the god of all water, and symbolizes the *vast / aghast*, untamed force of the world's seas and rivers.

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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__th_r_t__s __n __t_ly's c_p_t_l c_ty, R_m_, h_v_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

authorities in italys capital city rome have decided to charge tourists a fee to get close to the citys worldfamous trevi fountain from the first of february visitors will have to pay two euros to experience the landmark close up one reason for the new measure is to address the burgeoning numbers of sightseers who are flocking to the sight similar to many other tourist hotspots around the world the famed fountain is suffering from the effects of overtourism there has been serious congestion in the peak months of summer large crowds and people vying for selfies have diminished the ambiance of the historic fountain visitors have also damaged the stonework surrounding it

romes mayor roberto gualtieri said the trevi levy was expected to raise 65 million euros 76 million a year gualtieri said that on average around 30000 people visited the attraction every day this year that amounts to over ten million visitors however city residents will be exempt from paying the tourist tax the mayor said we believe that culture is a fundamental right of citizenship he added we think its correct and positive that the citizens of rome can enjoy our museums free of charge the fountain was initially commissioned in 1640 and was completed in 1762 it depicts oceanus the god of all water and symbolizes the vast untamed force of the worlds seas and rivers

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Authorities in Italy's capital city, Rome, have decided to charge tourists a fee to get close to the city's world-famous Trevi Fountain. From the first of February, visitors will have to pay two euros to experience the landmark close up. One reason for the new measure is to address the burgeoning numbers of sightseers who are flocking to the sight. Similar to many other tourist hotspots around the world, the famed fountain is suffering from the effects of overtourism. There has been serious congestion in the peak months of summer. Large crowds and people vying for selfies have diminished the ambience of the historic fountain. Visitors have also damaged the fountains and surrounding areas. Rome's mayor, Roberto Gualtieri, said the "Trevi levy" was expected to raise 6.5 million euros (\$7.6 million) a year. Gualtieri said that on average, around 30,000 people visited the attraction every day this year. That amounts to over ten million visitors. However, city residents will be exempt from paying the tourist tax. The mayor said: "We believe that culture is a fundamental right of citizenship." He added: "We think it's correct and positive that the citizens of Rome can enjoy our museums free of charge." The fountain was initially commissioned in 1640 and was completed in 1762. It depicts Oceanus, the god of all water, and symbolizes the vast, untamed force of the world's seas and rivers.

FREE WRITING

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

Write about **tourist sites** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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Charging fees to see the world's top sights is a good idea. Discuss.

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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. TOURIST SITES: Make a poster about tourist sites. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SIGHTSEEING FEES: Write a magazine article about charging tourists fees to see famous sights. 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 tourist sites. Ask him/her three questions about sights. Give him/her three of your opinions on sightseeing. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- February 1
- Burgeoning numbers of sightseers
- Overtourism
- People vying for selfies
- The stonework
- Over 10 million
- Local citizens
- Culture
- 1640
- The god of all water

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Authorities have decided to charge tourists a fee.
- Pay 2 euros to experience the landmark close up.
- The measure is to address the burgeoning numbers.
- Similar to other tourist hotspots around the world.
- Visitors have also damaged the stonework surrounding it.
- Around 30,000 people visited the attraction every day.
- Residents will be exempt from paying the tax.
- Culture is a fundamental right of citizenship.
- The citizens of Rome can enjoy our museums.
- It symbolizes the untamed force of the seas.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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