



## Overtourism – Teacher's version

### Introduction

*Discuss as a class or in pairs/groups of three. If working in pairs, ask for some students to report back.*

1. What do you like to do when you visit a new city or country?
2. Have you ever travelled to a place that was very busy with tourists? How did you feel?
3. Do you think that travelling to popular places can affect the local environment or people? How?

### Vocabulary

*Match the words from the text with their definitions.*

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| 1. Tourism      | F. Traveling to a place for fun or leisure  |
| 2. Crowds       | D. The number of people in one place, making it difficult to move or enjoy            |
| 3. Pollution    | A. Trash or harmful chemicals in the environment                                      |
| 4. Sustainable  | B. Acting in a way that is careful and aware of the environment and local communities |
| 5. Overtourism  | E. Too many tourists in one area causing damage                                       |
| 6. Landmarks    | C. Famous places that attract many visitors   |
| 7. Economy      | J. The businesses and industries that make money in a place                           |
| 8. Heritage     | G. The history, culture, and traditions of a community or country                     |
| 9. Destinations | H. Popular places that people travel to   |
| 10. Local       | I. Relating to the people or things from a particular area                            |

1.F 2.D - 3. A - 4.B - 5.E - 6. C - 7.J - 8.G - 9. H - 10.I



## Speaking

*Look at the photos, what can you tell about them? Use the vocabulary from the previous exercise - the photos are located in a separate file, remember to download!*

## Reading

*Complete the text with the words below.*

*crowded    season    increase    beaches    year    people    mountains*

Overtourism happens when too many (1) people visit the same place at the same time. Popular cities and countries can become very (2) crowded, especially during the holiday (3) season. This can be bad for the environment, local people, and businesses.

When there are too many tourists, the prices of things like food, transport, and hotels can (4) increase. Local people often find it hard to live in their own city because of high prices. The environment also suffers from pollution. For example, plastic waste from tourists can be left in parks and on (5) beaches. In some places, nature is damaged because tourists are not careful about where they walk or what they touch.

Overtourism is not only a problem in big cities. It also affects small towns and rural areas, especially those with natural landmarks like (6) mountains or beaches. These places can be ruined by too many visitors, who don't understand the importance of protecting nature.

To stop overtourism, some cities are trying to make tourism more sustainable. This means encouraging visitors to come at different times of the (7) year or to explore less popular places.



## Comprehension

*True or False? Read the statements and decide if they are true or false.*

1. Overtourism only happens in big cities. - FALSE
2. Local people in crowded tourist areas can struggle with high prices. - TRUE
3. Pollution is not an issue in popular tourist destinations. - FALSE
4. Tourists can damage nature by walking in the wrong places. - TRUE
5. Some cities are encouraging tourists to come during the holiday season. - FALSE
6. Overtourism can hurt small towns and rural areas. - TRUE
7. Tourists leave plastic waste in the environment. - TRUE
8. Sustainable tourism means travelling in a way that helps protect nature. - TRUE
9. Nature is never affected by tourists. - FALSE
10. Overtourism can increase the prices of food and transport. - TRUE

## Speaking

*Discuss in pairs, group of three or as a whole class.*

1. Tourists should only visit places that are not too crowded.
2. It is important for tourists to respect local traditions and culture.
3. Tourism is bad for the environment.
4. We should limit the number of tourists in popular places.
5. Tourists often do more harm than good in small towns.
6. Hotels and businesses should try to reduce pollution.
7. It is better to visit less popular destinations instead of famous ones.
8. Overtourism hurts local businesses.
9. I like to travel to places that are full of tourists.
10. Tourists should pay higher prices to protect the environment.