

8B Traveller or tourist?

What kind of traveller are you?

What do your holiday habits say about you? Do you love soaking up the sun or immersing yourself in the culture? Find out what kind of globetrotter you are...

Start here!



Flip flops
or
Comfy shoes?



Going rambling
or
Happy meandering?

A good book
or
A guidebook?

Guidebook
or
Survival guide?

City life
or
The quiet life?

The open sea
or
Seaweed face mask?

Pampered princess

Sleeping under the stars
or
Who needs sleep?

Action addict

Day trips
or
Spiritual journey?

Hippie at heart

All about me
or
All at sea?

Peace and quiet,
A piece of history,
A piece of the action,
or
Peace, man?

Culture vulture

Sand between your toes
or
So where the wind blows?

The great ocean waves
or
The great outdoors?

Museum hopping
or
A spot of shopping?

Lazy cruiser

Beach bum

Happy camper

City slicker

1 VOCABULARY & SPEAKING

travel and tourism

- What kind of traveller are you? Do the quiz and find out.
- **Communication** What kind of traveller are you? p.108. Read about your traveller type.
- p.169 **Vocabulary Bank** Travel and tourism.

2 READING

- What's the difference between people who...?
 - go to Benidorm or Cancún
 - go to Outer Mongolia
 - enjoy meeting local people
 - enjoy meeting people from their own country
 - buy lots of souvenirs
 - think souvenirs are tacky
- Read the article. Which of these sentences best summarizes its message?
 - Travellers think they're superior to tourists, but in fact it's the other way round.
 - There's no real difference between travellers and tourists.
 - Tourists' bad reputation is partly deserved.

Are you a tourist or a traveller?

As another holiday season approaches, it's time to defend tourists. They need it. Scarcely anyone has a good word for them. They overrun places, ruining them, and among the cultured classes, no one admits to being a tourist. They are all travellers. As if we weren't all tourists most of the time. So, well, the case for the defence:



By Anthony Peregrine

Exploitation

1 Tourists are renowned for spoiling places. However, travellers are the people that got there first. If they didn't wander off to unexplored spots, writing and talking about them on their return, the rest of us would be in ignorance. Later, at some stage – generally around the opening of the first Holiday Inn franchise – volume **turns** travellers **into** tourists. Then travellers get very upset – hear them complaining about the crowds at Machu Picchu. But why would, or should, travellers deny such obviously enriching experiences to others? There is no evidence – merely the arrogance of travellers – to suggest that the quality of appreciation is any the less because tourists **turn up** in large groups.

Economics

10 No surprise that the locals worldwide have embraced tourism – going to work in the new hotel, opening guest rooms of their own, and running pleasure trips in their fishing boats. Obviously, they lost something in the process, but they were going to lose it anyway. They gained financial security – their families doubtless have health insurance and flat-screen TVs, just like you and me. It is easy to romanticize shepherds and fishermen when you're only **passing through**. Then you go home, and they're still selling single goats and bringing fresh water from five miles away. By wishing to leave the world untouched, travellers do nothing for economic development. By contrast, tourists – with all their varying needs – bring cash in buckets.

Fun

20 A short time ago, I saw a documentary following a group travelling around Mongolia. They were eating yak. This looked to me like the worst holiday ever. They maintained, though, that they were having a wonderful time. I was thrilled for them – until one started **going on about** how this was a real experience, far better than the second-hand superficiality of the tourist holiday. Now, as far as I'm aware, there's no moral or qualitative hierarchy of holiday pleasures. 25 Flying to Alicante is in no way inferior to flying to Ulan Bator. It's just a different departure gate. If people wish to go riding in Mongolia, that's fine, and a matter of personal taste. Just don't let them look down on my holiday activities, for example, playing midnight crazy golf in Benidorm. We all enjoyed ourselves; none of us was a better person for it, just happier – and that's all there is to say.

Conviviality

30 Tourists like one another. Travellers apparently don't like anybody, unless they are natives. The presence of other visitors at the temple, mountaintop, or jungle clearing compromises the authenticity. And they get especially irritated if the other visitors are fellow Britons. I'm generally delighted to **run into** other Britons, especially in places where I don't master the language (in other words, almost everywhere). They represent the possibility of conversation, a considerable relief from pointing at stuff and smiling stupidly.

And, while travellers are busy **standing off from** humanity, tourists are having a great time together. The purest expression of the tourist experience is, perhaps, the package holiday – reviled by all, except anyone who has ever been on one. I have had the best of times on coach trips throughout Europe. There's no room here to detail the benefits, except one – and that's built-in good company. I've lost count of the occasions I've been in a hotel bar after a fine day, sharing most convivial moments with fellow passengers. Across the bar, lone-travelling couples have **looked on**, as jealous as hell. We coach-trippers have been moved by the Alhambra or Delphi, 45 we're doing our bit for the hotel trade, quite a lot for the bar trade, and generally we are an economic good.

The tourist is me. I feel no shame.

The Daily Telegraph

c Read the article again. According to the writer, are the following sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false)? Underline the parts of the text which show his opinion.

- 1 Travellers are responsible for places becoming tourist sites.
- 2 A traveller is better able to appreciate a tourist site than a group of tourists.
- 3 Local people have lost more than they have gained from tourism.
- 4 Tourists have benefited the local people more than travellers.
- 5 The group who were travelling round Mongolia were not really having a good time.
- 6 The more exotic a holiday is, the more people enjoy it.
- 7 Travellers are far more antisocial than tourists.
- 8 It's best to try to avoid meeting other people from your country when you are travelling.
- 9 Many people think that a package holiday where you travel by coach is the worst way to travel.
- 10 In fact, travellers are often aware that tourists are having more fun than they are.

LEXIS IN CONTEXT

d Look at the **highlighted** phrasal verbs and try to work out their meaning. Then match them to 1–8.

- 1 keep apart from _____
- 2 change sb / sth into _____
- 3 meet by chance _____
- 4 watch from a distance _____
- 5 talk about sth for a long time, often in a boring way _____
- 6 stop in a place for a short time, but not stay there _____
- 7 appear, arrive _____

e Work in groups and answer the questions.

- 1 Do you agree with the writer's defence of tourists?
- 2 Do you consider yourself to be more of a tourist than a traveller, or vice versa?
- 3 Has tourism had a significant effect where you live? Has it been positive or negative?

3 WRITING

► p.122 Writing A discursive essay (2): Taking sides. Analyse a model essay and write a discursive essay about road charging or healthy lifestyles.

- b B has the complete sentences 1–7. Read your sentences to B. Keep trying different possibilities until you get each sentence exactly right.
- c Now listen to your partner's sentences. Tell them to keep guessing until they get it exactly the same as yours.
- 8 It's a very rewarding job that involves **working in** a team.
- 9 Lucy seems **to be seeing** Danny a lot recently. Do you think they're going out together?

- 10 We hope **to have found** a new flat by the end of the year.
- 11 Our plan is **to drive to** the north of Italy for two weeks in September.
- 12 There's absolutely **nothing to do** in this town. There isn't even a cinema.
- 13 My father was the first person in my family **to go to** university.
- 14 I really regret **not having known** my grandfather. He died before I was born.

◀ p.76

8B WHAT KIND OF TRAVELLER ARE YOU? Students A + B

Read about your traveller type. Then compare with a partner. Are the descriptions accurate for you? Would you be good holiday companions?

What kind of traveller are you?

Pampered princess

You're at your happiest when you're relaxing in the spa, indulging in beauty treatments, or simply curled up in a fluffy bathrobe sipping a fruit tea. You've worked hard all year, so it's time to put those freshly pedicured feet up and let everyone else take care of you. After all, you deserve it.



Action addict

You're not the average holidaymaker and following the typical tourist trail is never enough for you. You can't sit still for a minute – even on holiday. Whether it's extreme sports or going right off the beaten track, you see every trip as an adventure.



Hippie at heart

You're a free spirit and love discovering far-flung places. Whether travelling alone or with an equally laid-back companion, it's all about going where the mood takes you. You've got your guidebook and your roll-up mattress and the rest can take care of itself.



Culture vulture

You don't just want to visit a country – you want to immerse yourself in it. You'll see all the sights, learn the language, and find out about the history of a place. If you find the time to sit down, it's because you're sampling the local cuisine – no English menu for you, thanks very much!



Lazy cruiser

You like to take things at a slower pace on holiday – doing as much or as little as you please. You love being out on the ocean waves and you enjoy exploring new places, but you're equally happy sitting on deck taking in a beautiful sunset.



Beach bum

You're in your swimwear almost as soon as the plane touches down – and once you're on that sun-lounger, you won't be moving far. Reaching for your pina colada is about as energetic as you get, and why not? That's what holidays are for, aren't they?



Happy camper

You like to get away from it all and you'll happily swap your creature comforts for a sleeping bag if it means waking up to birdsong every morning. Whatever you fill your days with, you'll do it at your leisure. And if it happens to pour with rain, it's all part of the fun.



City slicker

You love the buzz of the city and you'd rather hit the shops than the beach any day. You're happy to take in the famous sights and tick all the touristy boxes – but you've got to bring back a few souvenirs, right? It's the best way to explore a new city...



◀ p.78

▶ p.85



1 VERBS & VERB PHRASES

- a Complete the collocations with the verbs in the list.

cancel chill out extend get away go
go on hit postpone recharge sample
set off soak up wander round

- 1 set off (set out) on a journey / early / late
- 2 _____ a trip / a visit (= finish later than planned)
- 3 _____ camping / backpacking / sightseeing / for a stroll
- 4 _____ holiday / an outing / a trip / a safari / a trek / a cruise / a journey
- 5 _____ a trip / a flight / a visit (= decide not to go)
- 6 _____ (or put off) a trip / a visit (= reschedule it for a later time)
- 7 _____ the old town (= explore in a leisurely way)
- 8 _____ (unwind) (informal) after a tiring day
- 9 _____ (immerse yourself in) the atmosphere / the culture
- 10 _____ the local cuisine
- 11 _____ the shops **IDM**
- 12 _____ from it all **IDM**
- 13 _____ your batteries **IDM**

- b 4 27 Listen and check. What do you think the three idioms mean?

2 DESCRIBING PLACES

- a Complete the sentences with the words or phrases in the list.

brehtaking /'breθteɪkɪŋ/ dull /dʌl/ lively /'laɪvli/
off the beaten track /ɒf ðə 'bi:tn træk/ overcrowded /ˌəʊvə'kraʊdɪd/
overrated /ˌəʊvə'reɪtɪd/ picturesque /pɪktʃə'resk/ remote /rɪ'məʊt/
spoilt /spɔɪlt/ tacky /'tæki/ touristy /'tuərɪsti/ unspoilt /ʌn'spɔɪlt/

- 1 I think that restaurant's overrated. (= with a better reputation than it really deserves)
- 2 The museum's pretty _____, but the café's good. (= boring)
- 3 The shops are quite _____, but we bought some nice things. (= designed to attract a lot of tourists)
- 4 The seafront has been _____ by all the new hotels. (= changed for the worse)
- 5 It's a really _____ area at night. (= full of life and energy)
- 6 We found a tiny café in the back streets of Venice, right _____. (= away from where people normally go)
- 7 The hotel pool is always _____. (= with too many people)
- 8 The view is absolutely _____. (= very impressive, spectacular)
- 9 We went to a very _____ little fishing village yesterday. (= pretty, especially in a way that looks old-fashioned)
- 10 The souvenirs were all plastic Eiffel Towers and key rings, really _____ stuff. (= cheap, badly made, and / or lacking in taste)
- 11 The site of the temple is extremely _____ – you can only get there on foot and it takes four hours. (far away from places where other people live)
- 12 It's a lovely city, almost completely _____ by tourism. (beautiful because it has not been changed)

- b 4 28 Listen and check.

activation Talk about your last holiday using some of the collocations in 1.

Can you think of a place in your country that you could describe with each of the adjectives in 2?