

China Vice Premier asks tourists to behave

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China's Vice-Premier Wang Yang has asked Chinese tourists to behave better when they go overseas. Mr Wang wants to make sure that all Chinese people give a good image of China

when they visit other countries. He said the behaviour of some tourists was harming China's image abroad. He made a list of the things he does not want people to do. These include talking loudly in public places, jaywalking and spitting. Mr Wang said newspapers in other countries often report the bad manners of some Chinese and that this damaged the image of all Chinese people. He asked all public officials and tourist agencies to help, saying: "Building a good image of Chinese tourists is the duty of governments at all levels."

More and more Chinese people are travelling each year. The "South China Morning Post" newspaper wrote: "As people get richer, foreign holidays are ever more popular...but reports have emerged of complaints about [manners]." A new Chinese law will let travel agencies ban misbehaving tourists from using their services again. However, many Chinese tourists have complained of being treated badly by hotels and restaurants. There are also many stories of gangs attacking and robbing rich Chinese. One tourist said people from all countries have to respect local customs. He added that non-Chinese tourists must also behave better in China, and that all countries have citizens who behave badly abroad.

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Writing

People visiting other countries should have to pass a test on the customs of that country. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this?

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

behave / good image / other countries / talking loudly / jay-walking / spitting / duty / travelling / richer / holidays / complained / treated badly / local customs / respect

True / False

- A Chinese leader is angry with tourists who come to China. T / F
- China's Vice Premier is worried about the image of Chinese abroad. T / F
- The VP does not want Chinese to talk loudly in public places overseas. T / F
- Wang Yang said it is the duty of parents to build China's image. T / F
- The number of Chinese tourists is going down each year. T / F
- China's travel agents can refuse to sell trips to badly-behaved tourists. T / F
- Chinese people say restaurants and hotels don't treat them so well. T / F
- A tourist said not all countries have people who misbehave abroad. T / F

Synonym Match

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. asked | a. protests |
| 2. overseas | b. damaging |
| 3. harming | c. stealing from |
| 4. building | d. abroad |
| 5. duty | e. nations |
| 6. richer | f. requested |
| 7. complaints | g. follow |
| 8. robbing | h. responsibility |
| 9. respect | i. creating |
| 10. countries | j. wealthier |

Discussion – Student A

- Are you a well-mannered tourist?
- What do you think of Wang Yang's attempt to get Chinese people to make sure they give China a good image?
- Which tourists behave badly in your country?
- Should tourists be given a lesson in a country's customs?
- What are the good and bad things about tourism?
- Do your fellow citizens harm your country's image when they travel?
- What do you think of the three things on Mr Yang's list?
- Is it the government's duty to make sure people behave abroad?

Phrase Match

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| 1. behave | a. image of China |
| 2. people give a good | b. treated badly |
| 3. He made | c. of governments |
| 4. talking | d. more Chinese |
| 5. the duty | e. a list |
| 6. More and | f. better |
| 7. As people | g. customs |
| 8. complained of being | h. robbing rich Chinese |
| 9. gangs attacking and | i. loudly |
| 10. respect local | j. get richer |

Discussion – Student B

- What responsibility do you have when you travel to another country?
- Are you treated well when you go to other countries?
- Do you worry about getting attacked in other countries?
- What's the best place to be a tourist in?
- Which country would you not like to visit?
- How important is it to respect and follow local customs?
- Should people welcome tourists more and be friendlier to them?
- What questions would you like to ask Wang Yang?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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

Role Play

Role A – Image important

You think it's important to behave very well in other countries. Tell the others three reasons why. You think people should read about the local customs of a country before they visit it. You should always be very polite abroad so everyone has a good image of your country.

Role B – Image unimportant

You don't think it's important to try and behave well when you travel. Tell the others three reasons why. It's more important for people in the country you are visiting to accept your manners – you are helping the economy of that country. The whole world cannot be polite all the time.

Role C – Government

You think tourists should always act with respect in other countries. Tell the others three reasons why. You think there should be a test as part of the visa process – people must learn about what to do and not to do in other countries. The world will be a friendlier place if that happens.

Role D – Hotel owner

You are shocked at the behaviour of overseas tourists in your hotel. Tell the others three reasons why. You think your government should pass a law that says tourists must leave if they have bad manners. It is not your job to understand the manners of tourists.

Speaking – Bad manners

Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the worst manners at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- spitting
- eating on public transport
- eating noisily
- talking loudly
- kissing in public
- wearing revealing clothing
- jaywalking
- not waiting in line

Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	T	d	F	e	F	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.