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Travel company ends 'unethical' animal tours

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THE READING

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A top travel company is ending its tours to many of the world's animal attractions. STA Travel, which provides holidays, flights and accommodation for students, said it would no longer organize tours to places where animals are not free, like the Tiger Temple in Thailand. It will stop selling tours to SeaWorld in the USA. The company will only go to places it knows are good to animals. Many STA customers complained about some tours, so it started to review them. A company spokeswoman said: "We take this seriously and listen carefully to feedback from animal welfare experts."

SeaWorld was disappointed with STA's decision. It wanted STA to see its high standards of animal care. It thinks animal rights groups made STA take this decision. A SeaWorld spokesperson said: "There is no higher priority for SeaWorld than the...welfare of our animals." STA said it would look at more places that have animals. It said: "It is really important we...understand what the issues are and work with organisations that really understand those issues." The animal rights group PETA says animals such as dolphins all suffer at theme parks.

Sources: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/may/16/sta-travel-ends-unethical-animal-trips-elephants-seaworld>
<http://www.travelweekly.co.uk/Articles/2014/05/16/47997/sta-travel-drops-animal-attractions.html>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. holidays, flights and | a. review them |
| 2. places where animals | b. to feedback |
| 3. places it knows are | c. are not free |
| 4. customers complained | d. welfare experts |
| 5. it started to | e. good to animals |
| 6. We take | f. about some tours |
| 7. listen carefully | g. this seriously |
| 8. animal | h. accommodation |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. SeaWorld was disappointed | a. important |
| 2. high | b. dolphins all suffer |
| 3. animal rights | c. standards |
| 4. There is no | d. the issues are |
| 5. It is really | e. with STA's decision |
| 6. understand what | f. higher priority |
| 7. really understand | g. groups |
| 8. animals such as | h. those issues |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A top travel company is (1) _____ to many of the world's animal attractions. STA Travel, which provides holidays, flights (2) _____ students, said it would no longer organize (3) _____ animals are not free, like the Tiger Temple in Thailand. It (4) _____ to SeaWorld in the USA. The company will only go to places it knows are good to animals. Many STA customers (5) _____ tours, so it started to review them. A company spokeswoman said: "We take this seriously and listen (6) _____ from animal welfare experts."

SeaWorld (7) _____ STA's decision. It wanted STA to see its (8) _____ animal care. It thinks animal rights groups made STA (9) _____. A SeaWorld spokesperson said: "There is no higher priority for SeaWorld than the... (10) _____." STA said it would look at more places that have animals. It said: "It is really important we...understand (11) _____ are and work with organisations that really understand those issues." The animal rights group PETA says animals such as dolphins (12) _____ parks.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
