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Ecotourism a danger to wildlife

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THE ARTICLE

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Ecotourism is a booming business that many tour operators cite as being helpful to nature. Every year, millions of people descend on protected and pristine natural areas to observe rare species. However, a new report casts doubt on the value of this form of tourism. In fact, it suggests that ecotourism is more damaging than helpful to nature. Details are in a report published in the journal 'Trends in Ecology and Evolution'. Researchers believe tourists are disrupting animals in their natural habitat. They pointed to a recent event where sea turtles in Costa Rica had problems laying their eggs because of the hordes of tourists who had congregated to watch the turtles' nesting habits.

The report says that ecotourism is making animals bolder and that this could endanger the animals. A regular human presence might make animals tamer and less cautious about other animals around them, and this could put them at risk of being attacked by their natural threats. "Then they will suffer higher mortality when they encounter real predators," the report says. It added: "When animals interact in 'benign' ways with humans, they may let down their guard." The report said it was essential, "to develop a more comprehensive understanding of how different species in different situations respond to human visitation and under what precise conditions human exposure might put them at risk."

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WARM-UPS

1. ECOTOURISM: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about ecotourism. 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?

ecotourism / booming / helpful / natural areas / rare species / journal / habitat / endanger / human presence / cautious / at risk / mortality / essential / situations

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

3. TOURISM: Complete this table with your partners and share what you wrote. Change partners often.

	What is it?	How much I would like it	Why?
Ecotourism			
Space tourism			
Medical tourism			
Educational tourism			
Sports tourism			
Sustainable tourism			

4. NO-GO AREAS: Students A **strongly** believe large parts of the earth's natural areas should become no-go areas for humans; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. ANIMALS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best animals to see in the wild at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- koala
- panda
- whale
- leopard
- elephant
- python
- Galapagos turtle
- polar bear

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151014-ecotourism.html>

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. The article says the ecotourism business is booming. | T / F |
| b. A new report describes the benefits of ecotourism for nature. | T / F |
| c. The report said that ecotourism helps nature more than it harms it. | T / F |
| d. The report wrote about how tourists totally stopped turtles laying eggs. | T / F |
| e. The report says animals are becoming bolder because of humans. | T / F |
| f. Animals are more at risk from predators because of humans. | T / F |
| g. The report says animals become more guarded when they see humans. | T / F |
| h. The report called for research into how humans put animals at risk. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. cite | a. interfering with |
| 2. pristine | b. thorough |
| 3. disrupting | c. gathered |
| 4. problems | d. more confident |
| 5. congregated | e. imperil |
| 6. bolder | f. refer to |
| 7. endanger | g. exact |
| 8. cautious | h. difficulties |
| 9. comprehensive | i. unspoilt |
| 10. precise | j. wary |

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

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Ecotourism is a booming | a. understanding |
| 2. protected and | b. species |
| 3. rare | c. habitat |
| 4. animals in their natural | d. habits |
| 5. watch the turtles' nesting | e. at risk |
| 6. ecotourism is making animals | f. business |
| 7. they may let down their | g. conditions |
| 8. develop a more comprehensive | h. bolder |
| 9. precise | i. pristine natural areas |
| 10. human exposure might put them | j. guard |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151014-ecotourism.html>

Ecotourism is a booming business that many tour (1) _____ cite as being helpful to nature. Every year, millions of people descend on protected and (2) _____ natural areas to observe rare species. However, a new report casts (3) _____ on the value of this form of tourism. In fact, it (4) _____ that ecotourism is more damaging than helpful to nature. Details are in a report (5) _____ in the journal 'Trends in Ecology and Evolution'. Researchers believe tourists are (6) _____ animals in their natural habitat. They pointed to a recent event where sea turtles in Costa Rica had problems laying their eggs because of the (7) _____ of tourists who had congregated to watch the turtles' nesting (8) _____.

The report says that ecotourism is making animals (9) _____ and that this could (10) _____ the animals. A regular human presence might make animals tamer and less (11) _____ about other animals around them, and this could put them at risk of being attacked by their natural threats. "Then they will suffer higher (12) _____ when they encounter real (13) _____," the report says. It added: "When animals (14) _____ in 'benign' ways with humans, they may let down their guard." The report said it was essential, "to develop a more (15) _____ understanding of how different species in different situations respond to human visitation and under what precise conditions human (16) _____ might put them at risk."

doubt
operators
published
hordes
suggests
habits
pristine
disrupting

predators
endanger
comprehensive
cautious
bolder
exposure
interact
mortality

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151014-ecotourism.html>

- 1) Ecotourism is a booming business that many tour operators cite as being _____
 - a. helpless to nature
 - b. hippest to nature
 - c. helpful to nature
 - d. hapless to nature
- 2) people descend on protected and pristine natural areas to _____
 - a. observe rarely species
 - b. observe reared species
 - c. observe raring species
 - d. observe rare species
- 3) a new report casts doubt on the value of this _____
 - a. forms of tourism
 - b. form of tourism
 - c. formed of tourism
 - d. former of tourism
- 4) Researchers believe tourists are disrupting animals in _____
 - a. their natural habitats
 - b. their natural habitation
 - c. their natural habitual
 - d. their natural habitat
- 5) the hordes of tourists who had congregated to watch the turtles' _____
 - a. nested habits
 - b. nesting habits
 - c. nest in habits
 - d. nest tin habits
- 6) ecotourism is making animals bolder and that this could _____
 - a. endanger the animals
 - b. endangers the animals
 - c. endangered the animals
 - d. endangering the animals
- 7) A regular human presence might make animals tamer _____
 - a. and less cautious
 - b. and less caution
 - c. and less causes
 - d. and less caustic
- 8) they will suffer higher mortality when they encounter _____
 - a. real predators
 - b. reality predators
 - c. really predator
 - d. real predator
- 9) When animals interact in 'benign' ways with humans, they may let _____
 - a. down their grade
 - b. down their gourd
 - c. down their geared
 - d. down their guard
- 10) under what precise conditions human exposure might _____
 - a. put them to risk
 - b. put them by risk
 - c. put them on risk
 - d. put them at risk

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Ecotourism (1) _____ business that many tour operators (2) _____ helpful to nature. Every year, millions of people descend on protected (3) _____ areas to observe rare species. However, a new report (4) _____ the value of this form of tourism. In fact, it suggests that ecotourism is more damaging than helpful to nature. Details are in a report published in the journal 'Trends in Ecology and Evolution'. Researchers believe tourists (5) _____ animals in their natural habitat. They pointed to a recent event where sea turtles in Costa Rica had problems laying their eggs because of the hordes of tourists (6) _____ to watch the turtles' nesting habits.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151014-ecotourism.html>

1. What adjective did the article use to say ecotourism was doing well?

2. How many people visit pristine natural areas every year?

3. What is 'Trends in Ecology and Evolution'?

4. In which country did the article say turtles were laying eggs?

5. What did people gather to watch?

6. What did the article say ecotourism is doing to animals' confidence?

7. What kind of presence makes the animals tamer?

8. What might the animals encounter that could put them at risk?

9. What did the article say animals let down when they are near humans?

10. What does the last sentence say human exposure does to animals?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151014-ecotourism.html>

1. What adjective did the article use to say ecotourism was doing well?
 - a) booming
 - b) good
 - c) amazing
 - d) blemished
2. How many people visit pristine natural areas every year?
 - a) billions
 - b) hundreds of millions
 - c) millions
 - d) tens of millions
3. What is 'Trends in Ecology and Evolution'?
 - a) an Internet site
 - b) a journal
 - c) a university department
 - d) a TV show
4. In which country did the article say turtles were laying eggs?
 - a) Canada
 - b) Cameroon
 - c) Curacao
 - d) Costa Rica
5. What did people gather to watch?
 - a) turtles laying eggs
 - b) a sunset
 - c) leopards hunting
 - d) a TV show
6. What did the article say ecotourism is doing to animals confidence-wise?
 - a) making them shier
 - b) making them bolder
 - c) nothing
 - d) making them fearful
7. What kind of presence makes the animals tamer?
 - a) predatory
 - b) human
 - c) psychic
 - d) supernatural
8. What might the animals encounter that could put them at risk?
 - a) quicksand
 - b) hunters
 - c) guns
 - d) predators
9. What did the article say animals let down when they are near humans?
 - a) their bottom lip
 - b) their friends
 - c) their guard
 - d) themselves
10. What does the last sentence say human exposure does to animals?
 - a) makers them overcautious
 - b) puts them at risk
 - c) nothing
 - d) makes them happy

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Leopard

You think the leopard is the best creature to see in the wild. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't so interesting to look at. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): whale, python or polar bear.

Role B – Whale

You think the whale is the best creature to see in the wild. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't so interesting to look at. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): leopard, python or polar bear.

Role C – Python

You think the python is the best creature to see in the wild. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't so interesting to look at. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): whale, leopard or polar bear.

Role D – Polar bear

You think the polar bear is the best creature to see in the wild. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't so interesting to look at. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): whale, python or leopard.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151014-ecotourism.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'natural' and 'habitat'.

natural	habitat

- 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">• cite• rare• journal• believe• event• habits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• bolder• regular• risk• suffer• guard• under
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ECOTOURISM SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about ecotourism 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.

ECOTOURISM DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'ecotourism'?
- 3) What are the problems of ecotourism?
- 4) What do you think about what you read?
- 5) Should we leave animals alone in their natural habitat?
- 6) Where would you like to go as an ecotourist, and why?
- 7) What rules should ecotourism tour operators have to follow?
- 8) Should people be fined if they interrupt animals in the wild?
- 9) What animals would you most like to see in the wild?
- 10) Should parts of the world be off limits to humans?

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ECOTOURISM 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 ecotourism?
- 13) What are the benefits of ecotourism?
- 14) What problems are there if animals become tamer?
- 15) Why do people feel they must visit animals in the wild?
- 16) How can we best help animals in the wild?
- 17) What will ecotourism look like in the future?
- 18) How can we respect animals more?
- 19) What will be the state of animals' natural habitat in the future?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

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) brimming | (b) booming | (c) blooming | (d) bombing |
| 2. | (a) rescind | (b) descend | (c) decant | (d) reside |
| 3. | (a) lurches | (b) spirals | (c) peels | (d) casts |
| 4. | (a) by | (b) in | (c) at | (d) to |
| 5. | (a) habitual | (b) habitat | (c) cohabit | (d) inhabit |
| 6. | (a) congealed | (b) congaed | (c) congregated | (d) congratulated |
| 7. | (a) engender | (b) endgame | (c) endanger | (d) endemic |
| 8. | (a) lessen | (b) lesser | (c) less | (d) lessening |
| 9. | (a) threatens | (b) treaties | (c) treats | (d) threats |
| 10. | (a) with | (b) by | (c) at | (d) of |
| 11. | (a) to | (b) for | (c) as | (d) on |
| 12. | (a) riskiness | (b) risky | (c) risk | (d) risked |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Ecotourism is a ngmboio business
2. tour eopaorstr
3. protected and petisrni natural areas
4. animals in their natural itbaath
5. ehodsr of tourists
6. aorgecngted to watch the turtles

Paragraph 2

7. reedgann the animals
8. A regular human rcpeense
9. encounter real tedsrraop
10. interact in gebinn ways
11. develop a more oenrceihmsvep understanding
12. human urseeexp

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	where sea turtles in Costa Rica had problems laying their eggs because of the hordes of tourists
()	presence might make animals tamer and less cautious about other animals around them, and this could put
()	them at risk of being attacked by their natural threats. "Then they will suffer higher mortality
()	on the value of this form of tourism. In fact, it suggests that ecotourism is more damaging than helpful to
()	who had congregated to watch the turtles' nesting habits.
()	nature. Details are in a report published in the journal 'Trends in Ecology and Evolution'. Researchers believe tourists
()	The report says that ecotourism is making animals bolder and that this could endanger the animals. A regular human
()	visitation and under what precise conditions human exposure might put them at risk."
()	ways with humans, they may let down their guard." The report said it was essential, "to
()	when they encounter real predators," the report says. It added: "When animals interact in 'benign'
()	are disrupting animals in their natural habitat. They pointed to a recent event
()	develop a more comprehensive understanding of how different species in different situations respond to human
(1)	Ecotourism is a booming business that many tour operators cite as being helpful to nature. Every year, millions
()	of people descend on protected and pristine natural areas to observe rare species. However, a new report casts doubt

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. report casts doubt on the value of this form A new .

2. damaging that more helpful suggests is than It ecotourism .

3. their are natural disrupting habitat animals in Tourists .

4. laying their eggs Sea turtles in Costa Rica had problems .

5. habits nesting turtles' the watch to Congregated .

6. is bolder report ecotourism animals The that making says .

7. human tamer presence might A make regular animals .

8. being This them of put risk attacked could at .

9. to Essential understanding comprehensive more a develop .

10. respond situations different in species different How .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151014-ecotourism.html>

Ecotourism is a booming *businesses / business* that many tour operators *site / cite* as being helpful to nature. Every year, millions of people *descent / descend* on protected and pristine natural areas to observe rare species. However, a new report *casts / coasts* doubt on the value of this form of tourism. In fact, it suggests that ecotourism is more *damaged / damaging* than helpful to nature. *Details / Detailed* are in a report published in the journal 'Trends in Ecology and Evolution'. Researchers believe *tourism / tourists* are *disrupting / disruptive* animals in their natural habitat. They pointed to a recent event where sea turtles in Costa Rica had problems *laying / lying* their eggs because of the hordes of tourists who had congregated to watch the turtles' *nested / nesting* habits.

The report says that ecotourism is making animals *boulder / bolder* and that this could *endanger / engender* the animals. A regular human presence might make animals *tamer / timelier* and less cautious about other animals around them, and this could put them *at / to* risk of being attacked by their natural *treats / threats*. "Then they will suffer higher mortality when they encounter *real / really* predators," the report says. It added: "When animals interact in 'benign' ways with humans, they may let down their *grade / guard*." The report said it was essential, "to develop a more *comprehension / comprehensive* understanding of how different species in different situations *respond / responsive* to human visitation and under what *precise / precisely* conditions human exposure might put them at risk."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_c_t_r_s_m _s _ b__m_ng b_s_n_ss th_t m_ny t__r
_p_r_t_rs c_t _s b__ng h_lpf_l_t_n_t_r_. _v_ry y__r,
m_ll__ns _f p__pl_ d_sc_nd _n pr_t_ct_d _nd pr_st_n
n_t_r_l _r__s t_ _bs_rv_ r_r_ sp_c__s. H_w_v_r, _
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_v_l_t__n'. R_s__rch_rs b_l__v__ t__r_sts _r_
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R_c_h_d pr_bl_ms l_y_ng th__r _ggs b_c__s _f th_
h_rd_s _f t__r_sts wh_ h_d c_ngr_g_t_d t_ w_tch th_
t_rtl_s' n_st_ng h_b_ts.

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b_ld_r _nd th_t th_s c__ld _nd_ng_r th_ _n_m_ls. _
r_g_l_r h_m_n pr_s_nc_ m_ght m_k_ _n_m_ls t_m_r
_nd l_ss c__t__s _b__t th_r _n_m_ls _r__nd th_m,
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r_p_rt_s_y_s. _t _dd_d: "Wh_n _n_m_ls _nt_r_ct _n
'b_n_gn' w_ys w_th h_m_ns, th_y m_y l_t_d_wn th__r
g__rd." Th_r_p_rt_s__d _t_w_s _ss_nt__l, "t_d_v_l_p
_m_r_c_mpr_h_ns_v_ _nd_rst_nd_ng _f h_w_d_ff_r_nt
sp_c__s _n d_ff_r_nt_s_t__t__ns r_sp_nd t_ h_m_n
v_s_t_t__n _nd _nd_r wh_t pr_c_s_c_nd_t__ns h_m_n
_xp_s_r_m_ght p_t th_m _t_r_sk."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 ecotourism. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ECOTOURISM: Make a poster about ecotourism. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HUMAN EXPOSURE: Write a magazine article about the effects of human exposure on wild animals. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 wildlife. Ask him/her three questions about ecotourism. Give him/her three ideas on how to make sure animals do not suffer. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b F c F d F e T f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. cite | a. refer to |
| 2. pristine | b. unspoilt |
| 3. disrupting | c. interfering with |
| 4. problems | d. difficulties |
| 5. congregated | e. gathered |
| 6. bolder | f. more confident |
| 7. endanger | g. imperil |
| 8. cautious | h. wary |
| 9. comprehensive | i. thorough |
| 10. precise | j. exact |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Booming
2. Millions
3. A journal
4. Costa Rica
5. Turtles' nesting habits
6. Animals are becoming bolder
7. Human
8. Predators (natural threats)
9. Their guard
10. Puts them at risk

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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