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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210824-venice.html>

Venice, Italy is one of the world's top tourist destinations. Before the coronavirus pandemic, around 20 million visitors a year visited the city. This caused many problems such as pollution from cruise ships and overcrowding. To deal with these problems, city officials are planning to charge tourists to visit the city's historical centre and its beautiful canals. According to Italy's *La Stampa* newspaper, entry into Venice could cost between three euros (\$3.50) and 10 euros. This could start from the summer of 2022. There are also plans to set a limit on the number of visitors who can enter the centre each day. Tourists may need to book their visit to Venice before they go.

Venice officials have talked for many years about the number of visitors flocking to the city. Environmentalists are worried about the damage cruise ships do to marine life in the Venice Lagoon. Heritage lovers want to protect Venice's famous squares and architecture from the millions of tourists. This made Italy's Culture Minister say that there is a "concrete risk" of the United Nations culture agency UNESCO adding Venice to its list of World Heritage in Danger sites. However, a hotel worker said Venice needed cruise ships. He said: "They spend big in a short time, before sailing out." A city official is worried that charging tourists a fee to enter will turn Venice into a "theme park".

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WARM-UPS

1. VENICE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Venice. 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?

Venice / Italy / coronavirus / pollution / cruise ships / summer / canals / plans / limit visitor / the city / environmentalists / marine life / culture / heritage / hotel / tourist

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

3. TOURIST FEE: Students A **strongly** believe tourists should pay a fee to enter tourist areas; Students B **strongly** believe this is a terrible idea. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DESTINATIONS: What do you know about these destinations? How much would you like to visit them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	How Much I's Like to Visit
Venice		
Bali		
Kyoto		
New York		
Cairo		
Kathmandu		

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

6. PROBLEMS: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest problems caused by tourism at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Overcrowding
- Pollution
- Litter
- Noise
- Cultural misunderstandings
- Habitat loss
- Traffic
- Damage to sights

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. top | a. The place to which someone is going to go or visit. |
| 2. destination | b. Things in the air, water, soil, etc. which have harmful or poisonous effects. |
| 3. pandemics | c. Reserve (accommodation, a place, a seat in a restaurant etc.); buy (a ticket) in advance. |
| 4. pollution | d. Of a disease that is all over a whole country or the world. |
| 5. charge | e. A number of something or level beyond which something does not or may not extend or go above. |
| 6. limit | f. The highest or most important rank, level, or position. |
| 7. book | g. Ask for an amount of money as a price for a service rendered or goods. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 8. flocking | h. About, or found in the sea. |
| 9. marine | i. Important things such as historic buildings and cultural traditions that are passed down through generations. |
| 10. heritage | j. A payment made for something. |
| 11. lover | k. Definite. |
| 12. concrete | l. A person who really, really likes or enjoys a thing. |
| 13. list | m. Moving or going together in a crowd. |
| 14. fee | n. A number of connected items or names written one below the other. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210824-venice.html>

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

1. The article says Venice is the world's top tourist destination. **T / F**
2. About 20 million people a year visited Venice before coronavirus. **T / F**
3. It could cost as much as 10 euros to visit Venice. **T / F**
4. Tourists might have to book to be able to visit Venice. **T / F**
5. Italy's Culture Minister said there is too much concrete in Venice. **T / F**
6. UNESCO will take Venice off its World Heritage in Danger list. **T / F**
7. A hotel worker said cruise ship tourists don't spend a lot of money. **T / F**
8. A city official wants Venice to become a theme park. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. top | a. representative |
| 2. caused | b. manage |
| 3. deal with | c. reserve |
| 4. start | d. sea |
| 5. book | e. created |
| 6. flocking | f. definite |
| 7. marine | g. concerned |
| 8. concrete | h. leading |
| 9. official | i. swarming |
| 10. worried | j. begin |

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

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. one of the world's top | a. marine life |
| 2. This caused many problems | b. number of visitors |
| 3. charge tourists to visit the city's historical | c. book their visit to Venice |
| 4. set a limit on the | d. a short time |
| 5. Tourists may need to | e. centre |
| 6. the number of visitors flocking | f. park |
| 7. the damage cruise ships do to | g. such as pollution |
| 8. there is a concrete | h. to the city |
| 9. they spend big in | i. risk |
| 10. turn Venice into a theme | j. tourist destinations |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210824-venice.html>

Venice, Italy is one of the world's top tourist (1) _____. Before the coronavirus pandemic, around 20 million (2) _____ a year visited the city. This caused many problems such as (3) _____ from cruise ships and overcrowding. To (4) _____ with these problems, city officials are planning to (5) _____ tourists to visit the city's historical centre and its beautiful canals. According to Italy's *La Stampa* newspaper, (6) _____ into Venice could cost between three euros (\$3.50) and 10 euros. This could start from the summer of 2022. There are also plans to set a (7) _____ to the number of visitors who can enter the centre each day. Tourists may need to (8) _____ their visit to Venice before they go.

entry
deal
destinations
book
visitors
limit
charge
pollution

Venice officials have talked for many years about the number of visitors (9) _____ to the city. Environmentalists are worried about the damage cruise ships do to (10) _____ life in the Venice Lagoon. Heritage lovers want to protect Venice's famous squares and (11) _____ from the millions of tourists. This made Italy's Culture Minister say that there is a "concrete (12) _____" of the United Nations culture agency UNESCO adding Venice to its (13) _____ of World Heritage in Danger (14) _____. However, a hotel worker said Venice needed cruise ships. He said: "They (15) _____ big in a short time, before sailing out." A city official is worried that charging tourists a (16) _____ to enter will turn Venice into a "theme park".

risk
marine
spend
list
fee
flocking
sites
architecture

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210824-venice.html>

- 1) Venice, Italy is one of the world's _____
 - a. top tourist destination
 - b. top tourist destiny nations
 - c. top tourist destined nations
 - d. top tourist destinations
- 2) This caused many problems such as pollution _____
 - a. from cruiser ships
 - b. from clues ships
 - c. from close ships
 - d. from cruise ships
- 3) city officials are planning to charge tourists to visit the _____
 - a. city's history centre
 - b. city's historical centre
 - c. city's historian centre
 - d. city's history call centre
- 4) There are also plans to set a limit on the number of visitors _____
 - a. who can enter
 - b. who can entry
 - c. who can entrance
 - d. who can enters
- 5) the centre each day. Tourists may need to _____
 - a. book them visit
 - b. book there visit
 - c. book they visit
 - d. book their visit
- 6) Venice officials have talked for many years about the number of visitors _____ city
 - a. flock kin to the
 - b. flock king to the
 - c. flocking to the
 - d. flock into the
- 7) Environmentalists are worried about the damage cruise ships do _____
 - a. tomb a ream life
 - b. tomb airing life
 - c. to marine life
 - d. to marring life
- 8) This made Italy's Culture Minister say that there is _____
 - a. a con Crete risk
 - b. ache on Crete risk
 - c. a con crate risk
 - d. a concrete risk
- 9) He said they spend big in a short time _____
 - a. before sail in-out
 - b. before sailing out
 - c. before selling out
 - d. before sail line-out
- 10) worried that charging tourists a fee to enter will turn Venice into _____
 - a. atheism park
 - b. a themes park
 - c. a themed park
 - d. a theme park

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210824-venice.html>

Venice, Italy (1) _____ the world's top tourist destinations. Before the coronavirus pandemic, around 20 million visitors a year visited the city. This caused many (2) _____ pollution from cruise ships and overcrowding. To (3) _____ problems, city officials are planning to charge tourists to visit the city's historical centre and its beautiful canals. According to Italy's *La Stampa* newspaper, entry into Venice (4) _____ three euros (\$3.50) and 10 euros. This could start from the summer of 2022. There are also plans to (5) _____ on the number of visitors who can enter the centre each day. Tourists may need to (6) _____ to Venice before they go.

Venice officials have talked for many years (7) _____ of visitors flocking to the city. Environmentalists are worried about the damage cruise ships (8) _____ life in the Venice Lagoon. Heritage (9) _____ protect Venice's famous squares and architecture from the millions of tourists. This made Italy's Culture Minister say that there is a (10) _____ the United Nations culture agency UNESCO adding Venice to its list of World Heritage in Danger sites. However, a hotel worker said Venice needed cruise ships. He said: "They spend big in (11) _____, before sailing out." A city official is worried that charging tourists a fee to enter will turn Venice into (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210824-venice.html>

1. When did 20 million tourists a year visit Venice?
2. What two problems does the article say tourists caused?
3. What is the highest amount that tourists to Venice could be charged?
4. When might Venice start charging tourists to enter the city?
5. What might tourists need to do before they visit Venice?
6. For how long have Venice officials been talking?
7. What kind of life are environmentalists worried about?
8. What do heritage lovers want to protect besides architecture?
9. What kind of risk did Italy's Culture Minister talk about?
10. What is a city official worried about Venice becoming?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210824-venice.html>

- 1) When did 20 million tourists a year visit Venice?
 - a) during the Italia 1990 World Cup
 - b) before the coronavirus pandemic
 - c) in June
 - d) 1999
- 2) What two problems does the article say tourists caused?
 - a) pollution and noise
 - b) litter and noise
 - c) overcrowding and litter
 - d) pollution and overcrowding
- 3) What is the highest amount that tourists to Venice could be charged?
 - a) 9 euros
 - b) 12 euros
 - c) 10 euros
 - d) 3.5 euros
- 4) When might Venice start charging tourists to enter the city?
 - a) the summer of 2022
 - b) January 2022
 - c) 2025
 - d) next month
- 5) What might tourists need to do before they visit Venice?
 - a) read
 - b) book
 - c) do research
 - d) get a special visa
- 6) For how long have Venice officials been talking?
 - a) many years
 - b) days
 - c) weeks
 - d) months
- 7) What kind of life are environmentalists worried about?
 - a) daily life
 - b) nightlife
 - c) marine life
 - d) wildlife
- 8) What do heritage lovers want to protect besides architecture?
 - a) Venice's famous squares
 - b) Venice restaurants
 - c) churches and cathedrals
 - d) Venetian culture
- 9) What kind of risk did Italy's Culture Minister talk about?
 - a) an elevated risk
 - b) a considerable risk
 - c) a grave risk
 - d) a concrete risk
- 10) What is a city official worried about Venice becoming?
 - a) full of international chain restaurants
 - b) overcrowded
 - c) a theme park
 - d) broken

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Pollution

You think pollution is the biggest problem tourism causes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic of these (and why): damage to sights, overcrowding or cultural misunderstanding.

Role B – Damage to Sights

You think damage to sights is the biggest problem tourism causes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic of these (and why): pollution, overcrowding or cultural misunderstanding.

Role C – Overcrowding

You think overcrowding is the biggest problem tourism causes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic of these (and why): damage to sights, pollution or cultural misunderstanding.

Role D – Cultural Misunderstanding

You think cultural misunderstanding is the biggest problem tourism causes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least problematic of these (and why): damage to sights, overcrowding or pollution.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210824-venice.html>

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

tourist	city
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- 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">• top• such• planning• newspaper• 2022• before	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• talked• life• lovers• risk• hotel• fee
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VENICE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Venice 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.

VENICE DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'tourist'?
3. What do you know about Venice?
4. What is your city like for tourists?
5. What are your favourite cities?
6. What can tourists do in your country?
7. What problems does tourism create?
8. What do you think of the charge to enter Venice?
9. Should there be a limit on the number of tourists in a city?
10. What do you think of cruises?

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VENICE 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 when you hear the word 'Venice'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What is the world's best tourist destination?
15. What damage do cruise ships do?
16. How important is it to protect architecture?
17. Are you a good tourist?
18. What do you think when you see hundreds of tourists?
19. What three adjectives best describe Venice?
20. What questions would you like to ask a Venice official?

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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Venice officials have talked for many years about the number of visitors (7) _____ to the city. Environmentalists are worried about the damage cruise ships do to marine (8) _____ in the Venice Lagoon. Heritage lovers want to protect Venice's famous squares and architecture from the millions of tourists. This made Italy's Culture Minister say that there is a "(9) _____ risk" of the United Nations culture agency UNESCO adding Venice to its (10) _____ of World Heritage in Danger sites. However, a hotel worker said Venice needed cruise ships. He said: "They spend (11) _____ in a short time, before sailing out." A city official is worried that charging tourists a fee to enter will (12) _____ Venice into a "theme park".

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) once | (b) two | (c) one | (d) only |
| 2. | (a) caused | (b) cased | (c) because | (d) become |
| 3. | (a) these | (b) them | (c) they | (d) that |
| 4. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) at | (d) on |
| 5. | (a) at | (b) from | (c) to | (d) as |
| 6. | (a) site | (b) magazine | (c) journal | (d) book |
| 7. | (a) being | (b) giggling | (c) flocking | (d) frolicking |
| 8. | (a) lively | (b) living | (c) live | (d) life |
| 9. | (a) concrete | (b) adobe | (c) cement | (d) plaster |
| 10. | (a) lest | (b) list | (c) last | (d) wrist |
| 11. | (a) lot | (b) big | (c) rich | (d) buy |
| 12. | (a) twist | (b) veer | (c) turn | (d) exchange |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Italy is one of the world's top tourist stsnioetdian
2. the coronavirus dacnepim
3. many problems such as lpoiolnut
4. city alfiisocf
5. the city's lrhtoicsai centre
6. set a iltim

Paragraph 2

7. visitors lingcofk to the city
8. gihretea lovers
9. Venice's famous squares and thaireurctec
10. there is a cenrcoet risk
11. eusirc ships
12. tmehe park

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210824-venice.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () that charging tourists a fee to enter will turn Venice into a "theme park".
- () visit the city's historical centre and its beautiful canals. According to Italy's *La Stampa* newspaper, entry
- () of World Heritage in Danger sites. However, a hotel worker said Venice needed cruise
- () is a "concrete risk" of the United Nations culture agency UNESCO adding Venice to its list
- () the centre each day. Tourists may need to book their visit to Venice before they go.
- (**1**) Venice, Italy is one of the world's top tourist destinations. Before the coronavirus pandemic, around 20 million
- () into Venice could cost between three euros (\$3.50) and 10 euros. This could start from the
- () worried about the damage cruise ships do to marine life in the Venice Lagoon. Heritage lovers want to protect Venice's
- () ships. He said: "They spend big in a short time, before sailing out." A city official is worried
- () summer of 2022. There are also plans to set a limit on the number of visitors who can enter
- () visitors a year visited the city. This caused many problems such as pollution from cruise ships and
- () famous squares and architecture from the millions of tourists. This made Italy's Culture Minister say that there
- () Venice officials have talked for many years about the number of visitors flocking to the city. Environmentalists are
- () overcrowding. To deal with these problems, city officials are planning to charge tourists to

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210824-venice.html>

1. top is the one of Venice destinations . tourist
2. the year a 20 million Around visitors visited city .
3. problems caused as This such many pollution .
4. of number limit visitors . the Set a on
5. their need may Tourists book to visit .
6. to the The number flocking city . visitors of
7. is concrete risk . Italy a there said
8. Venice's to Heritage famous protect lovers squares . want
9. worker A needed cruise Venice said hotel ships .
10. Venice turn a will theme Fees park . into

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210824-venice.html>

Venice, Italy is *one / only* of the world's top tourist destinations. Before the coronavirus pandemic, around 20 million visitors *the / a* year visited the city. This caused many problems such *as / was* pollution from cruise ships and overcrowding. To *dealing / deal* with these problems, city officials are planning to *charge / change* tourists to visit the city's historical centre and its beautiful canals. According *to / at* Italy's *La Stampa* newspaper, entry into Venice could *price / cost* between three euros (\$3.50) and 10 euros. This could start from the summer of 2022. There are also plans to *let / set* a limit on the number of visitors *what / who* can enter the centre each day. Tourists may need to book their visit to Venice before they *come / go*.

Venice officials have talked *so / for* many years about the number of visitors *flocking / flicking* to the city. Environmentalists are worried about the damage cruise ships *do / due* to marine life in the Venice Lagoon. Heritage lovers want to protect Venice's famous *triangles / squares* and architecture from the millions *at / of* tourists. This made Italy's Culture Minister say that there is a "*concrete / cement* risk" of the United Nations culture agency UNESCO adding Venice to its list *at / of* World Heritage in Danger sites. However, a hotel worker *said / say* Venice needed cruise ships. He said: "They spend big in a short time, before *selling / sailing* out." A city official is worried that charging tourists a fee to enter will turn Venice *onto / into* a "theme park".

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)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210824-venice.html>

V_n_c_, _t_ly _s _n_ _f th_ w_rld's t_p t__r_st
d_st_n_t__ns. B_f_r_ th_ c_r_n_v_r_s p_nd_m_c, _r__nd
20 m_ll__n v_s_t_rs _ y__r v_s_t_d th_ c_ty. Th_s
c__s_d m_ny pr_bl_ms s_ch _s p_ll_t__n fr_m cr__s_
sh_ps _nd _v_rcr_wd_ng. T_ d__l w_th th_s_ pr_bl_ms,
c_ty _ff_c__ls _r_ pl_nn_ng t_ ch_rg_ t__r_sts t_
v_s_t th_ c_ty's h_st_r_c_l c_ntr_ _nd _ts b__t_f_l
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s_mm_r _f 2022. Th_r_ _r_ _ls_ pl_ns t_ s_t _l_m_t
n th n_mb_r _f v_s_t_rs wh_ c_n _nt_r th_ c_ntr_
__ch d_y. T__r_sts m_y n__d t_ b__k th__r v_s_t t_
V_n_c_ b_f_r_ th_y g_.

V_n_c_ _ff_c__ls h_v_ t_lk_d f_r m_ny y__rs _b__t th_
n_mb_r _f v_s_t_rs fl_ck_ng t_ th_ c_ty.
_nv_r_nm_nt_l_sts _r_ w_rr__d _b__t th_ d_m_g_
cr__s_ sh_ps d_ t_ m_r_n_ l_f_ _n th_ V_n_c_
L_g__n. H_r_t_g_ l_v_rs w_nt t_ pr_t_ct V_n_c_'s
f_m__s sq__r_s _nd _rch_t_ct_r_ fr_m th_ m_ll__ns _f
t__r_sts. Th_s m_d_ _t_ly's C_ltr_ M_n_st_r s_y th_t
th_r_ _s _ "c_ncr_t_ r_sk" _f th_ _n_t_d N_t__ns
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"th_m_ p_rk".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210824-venice.html>

venice italy is one of the worlds top tourist destinations before the coronavirus pandemic around 20 million visitors a year visited the city this caused many problems such as pollution from cruise ships and overcrowding to deal with these problems city officials are planning to charge tourists to visit the citys historical centre and its beautiful canals according to italys *La Stampa* newspaper entry into venice could cost between three euros 350 and 10 euros this could start from the summer of 2022 there are also plans to set a limit on the number of visitors who can enter the centre each day tourists may need to book their visit to venice before they go

venice officials have talked for many years about the number of visitors flocking to the city environmentalists are worried about the damage cruise ships do to marine life in the venice lagoon heritage lovers want to protect venices famous squares and architecture from the millions of tourists this made italys culture minister say that there is a concrete risk of the united nations culture agency unesco adding venice to its list of world heritage in danger sites however a hotel worker said venice needed cruise ships he said they spend big in a short time before sailing out a city official is worried that charging tourists a fee to enter will turn venice into a theme park

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. TOURIST FEE: Write a magazine article about all cities charging tourists a fee to enter. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 Venice. Ask him/her three questions about the city. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. g 6. e 7. c
8. m 9. h 10. i 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 F 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Before the coronavirus pandemic
2. Pollution and overcrowding
3. 10 euros
4. The summer of 2022
5. Book
6. Many years
7. Marine life
8. Venice's (famous) squares
9. A concrete risk
10. A theme park

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Venice is one of the top tourist destinations.
2. Around 20 million visitors a year visited the city.
3. This caused many problems such as pollution.
4. Set a limit on the number of visitors.
5. Tourists may need to book their visit.
6. The number of visitors flocking to the city.
7. Italy said there is a concrete risk.
8. Heritage lovers want to protect Venice's famous squares.
9. A hotel worker said Venice needed cruise ships.
10. Fees will turn Venice into a theme park.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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