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Level 1 – 25th July 2024

Spanish residents take to streets against mass tourism

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240725-mass-tourism-1.html>

People in Spain are protesting against mass tourism. They have sprayed tourists with water guns. In Mallorca, 10,000 people protested in the streets. People there are angry that rents and house prices are increasing. It is difficult for locals to buy a house. Companies are buying houses to rent to tourists. A spokesperson said: "The people who work in the tourism industry can't afford the rent in their own city." She said this has to change.

Residents in tourist areas are complaining. Many cannot find anywhere to live because rents are so high. Daily life is also a problem. Buses and trains are full of tourists with backpacks. Towns are having problems cleaning litter from streets. Local people are having problems going to their favourite restaurants. Spain is not the only country where tourism is a problem. Other countries want to find a balance between helping local people and tourists.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/jun/28/malaga-protest-mass-tourism-housing-spain>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240725-mass-tourism-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. They have sprayed tourists | a. tourism industry |
| 2. 10,000 people protested | b. locals to buy a house |
| 3. rents and house | c. to change |
| 4. difficult for | d. with water guns |
| 5. buying houses to | e. prices are increasing |
| 6. people who work in the | f. in their own city |
| 7. can't afford the rent | g. in the streets |
| 8. She said this has | h. rent to tourists |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Residents in tourist | a. high |
| 2. rents are so | b. balance |
| 3. Daily life | c. from streets |
| 4. cleaning litter | d. and tourists |
| 5. Spain is not the | e. areas |
| 6. tourism is | f. is also a problem |
| 7. find a | g. a problem |
| 8. helping local people | h. only country |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240725-mass-tourism-1.html>

People in Spain (1) _____ mass tourism. They have sprayed tourists (2) _____. In Mallorca, 10,000 people protested in the streets. People there are angry that (3) _____ prices are increasing. It is difficult for (4) _____ a house. Companies are buying houses to rent to tourists. A spokesperson said: "The people who work (5) _____ industry can't afford the rent in their own city." She said (6) _____ change.

Residents (7) _____ are complaining. Many cannot find anywhere to live because rents (8) _____. Daily life is also a problem. Buses and trains are (9) _____ with backpacks. Towns are having problems (10) _____ streets. Local people are having problems going to their favourite restaurants. Spain is (11) _____ country where tourism is a problem. Other countries want to find (12) _____ helping local people and tourists.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MASS TOURISM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240725-mass-tourism-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about mass tourism 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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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) _____

WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240725-mass-tourism-1.html>

Write about **mass tourism** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
