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**Level 3 – 26th June 2025**

## **Tourist damages priceless painting because of selfie**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250626-selfie-damages-painting.html>

Tourists can do silly things when they want a selfie. One tourist in Italy damaged a valuable painting after he asked his girlfriend to take a photo of him. The man was visiting the world-famous Uffizi Gallery in Florence, which is full of priceless paintings. He wanted a photo of himself in front of a portrait by the Italian painter Anton Domenico Gabbiani, who died in 1726. The man lost his balance and fell backwards. When he tried to stop himself from falling, he put his hand through the bottom of the painting. Museum staff reported him to the police for causing damage to the priceless artwork. Experts are now repairing the painting. They say that luckily, there was not a lot of damage.

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Sources: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-14837713/Fury-Italy-tourist-tears-hole-18th-century-painting-posing-selfie.html>  
<https://www.artnews.com/art-news/news/medici-portrait-damaged-by-tourist-at-uffizi-galleries-florence-1234745923/>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cw5yky19623o>

# WARM-UPS

**1. SELFIES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about selfies. 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?

tourists / silly things / selfies / valuable paintings / photo / museum / staff / experts / careless actions / headache / memes / social media / rules / respect / heritage / Italy

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

**3. SELFIE BAN:** Students A **strongly** believe selfies should be banned in public places; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. PHOTOS:** Why do people take photos of these things? What do you think of photos of these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Why Take Photos	What I Think
Paintings		
Flowers		
Food		
Themselves pouting		
Puppies and kittens		
Trains		

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

**6. TOURISM:** Rank these with your partner. Put the worst effects of tourism at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Pollution
- Water shortages
- Carbon footprint
- Increased trash
- Overcrowding
- Noise
- Bad behaviour
- Effect on locals' lives

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 1. tourist   | a. So, so, so important you cannot say how much it costs.      |
| 2. silly     | b. A person who travels to another place for fun or a holiday. |
| 3. valuable  | c. Worth a lot of money or very important.                     |
| 4. priceless | d. The ability to stay standing and not fall over.             |
| 5. portrait  | e. A person who knows a lot about something.                   |
| 6. balance   | f. Funny or not serious; doing something that is not smart.    |
| 7. expert    | g. A picture of a person's face or head and shoulders.         |

## Paragraph 2

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 8. careless      | h. Funny pictures or videos shared on the internet.              |
| 9. gallery       | i. What happens (good or bad) because of something you do.       |
| 10. headache     | j. Traditions, culture, or buildings from the past.              |
| 11. memes        | k. A thing or person that causes worry or difficulty; a problem. |
| 12. compatible   | l. Can work well or be used together without problems.           |
| 13. heritage     | m. Not being careful; making mistakes or breaking things easily. |
| 14. consequences | n. A place where people go to look at art or pictures.           |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250626-selfie-damages-painting.html>

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

1. The article says tourists who take selfies are silly. **T / F**
2. A tourist asked his girlfriend to take a photo of him in front of a painting. **T / F**
3. The damaged painting was painted in 1726. **T / F**
4. Experts say there wasn't much damage to the painting. **T / F**
5. A museum director gets a headache when he takes a selfie. **T / F**
6. The museum has rules that say no selfies are allowed. **T / F**
7. The museum asks all visitors to respect Italy's culture. **T / F**
8. Another museum director said people lose their minds over selfies. **T / F**

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

- |                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>silly</b>           | a. suited      |
| 2. <b>damaged</b>         | b. fortunately |
| 3. <b>priceless</b>       | c. mindless    |
| 4. <b>repairing</b>       | d. harmed      |
| 5. <b>luckily</b>         | e. problem     |
| 6. <b>careless</b>        | f. go crazy    |
| 7. <b>headache</b>        | g. foolish     |
| 8. <b>rules</b>           | h. fixing      |
| 9. <b>compatible</b>      | i. guidelines  |
| 10. <b>lose our minds</b> | j. invaluable  |

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

- |                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Tourists can do silly things when | a. or take selfies        |
| 2. One tourist in Italy damaged      | b. paintings              |
| 3. full of priceless                 | c. repairing the painting |
| 4. The man lost his balance          | d. our minds              |
| 5. Experts are now                   | e. they want a selfie     |
| 6. The tourist's careless action has | f. heritage               |
| 7. create memes                      | g. angered many people    |
| 8. out of                            | h. a valuable painting    |
| 9. cultural                          | i. control                |
| 10. Sometimes we lose                | j. and fell backwards     |

# GAP FILL

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*priceless*  
*died*  
*take*  
*causing*  
*silly*  
*luckily*  
*front*  
*hand*

The tourist's (9) \_\_\_\_\_ action has angered many people in Italy. Simone Verde, the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Uffizi Gallery, told the UK's "Telegraph" newspaper that selfies are becoming a (11) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "The problem of visitors coming to museums to create memes or take selfies for social media is now out of (12) \_\_\_\_\_. We put in place very precise rules to try to stop behaviour that is not compatible with (13) \_\_\_\_\_ for our cultural heritage." Vanessa Carlon, director of Italy's Palazzo Maffei Museum, (14) \_\_\_\_\_ on a similar incident that happened in her (15) \_\_\_\_\_. She said: "Sometimes we lose our (16) \_\_\_\_\_ to take a picture, and we don't think about the consequences."

*headache*  
*commented*  
*respect*  
*director*  
*minds*  
*careless*  
*control*  
*gallery*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Tourists can do silly things when they \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. want the selfie
  - b. want at selfie
  - c. want a selfie
  - d. want as selfie
- 2) He wanted a photo of himself in front \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. off a portrait
  - b. over portrait
  - c. of a portrait
  - d. offer portrait
- 3) The man lost his balance \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and felt backwards
  - b. and feel backwards
  - c. and fall backwards
  - d. and fell backwards
- 4) reported him to the police for causing damage to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the priced less artwork
  - b. the price lest artwork
  - c. the prices less artwork
  - d. the priceless artwork
- 5) They say that luckily, there was not a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. lot of damage
  - b. lots of damage
  - c. lot off damage
  - d. lot of damaged
- 6) The tourist's careless action has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. angers many people
  - b. anger did many people
  - c. angry many people
  - d. angered many people
- 7) the UK's "Telegraph" newspaper that selfies are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. becoming a headache
  - b. becoming a toothache
  - c. becoming a stomach ache
  - d. becoming a backache
- 8) He said: "The problem of visitors coming to museums \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. to create means
  - b. to create meme
  - c. to create maims
  - d. to create memes
- 9) stop behaviour that is not compatible with respect for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. our cultural hermitage
  - b. our cultural heritage
  - c. our cultural inherited
  - d. our cultural inherit age
- 10) She said: "Sometimes we \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. loose your minds
  - b. loose our minds
  - c. ruse our minds
  - d. lose our minds

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250626-selfie-damages-painting.html>

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The tourist's (7) \_\_\_\_\_ angered many people in Italy. Simone Verde, the director of the Uffizi Gallery, told the UK's "Telegraph" newspaper that selfies are (8) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "The problem of visitors coming to museums to create memes or take selfies for social media is now (9) \_\_\_\_\_. We put in place very precise rules to try to stop behaviour that is not compatible (10) \_\_\_\_\_ our cultural heritage." Vanessa Carlon, director of Italy's Palazzo Maffei Museum, commented on (11) \_\_\_\_\_ that happened in her gallery. She said: "Sometimes we (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to take a picture, and we don't think about the consequences."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250626-selfie-damages-painting.html>

1. Who does the article say can do silly things?
2. When did the Italian painter Anton Domenico Gabbiani die?
3. What did the man lose when his girlfriend was taking a photo?
4. Who did museum staff report the tourist to?
5. Who said there was not a lot of damage to the painting?
6. Who is angry because of the action of the tourist?
7. What did a museum director say selfies were becoming?
8. What did the director say was out of control?
9. What does the director want people to respect?
10. What did another museum director say people are losing?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250626-selfie-damages-painting.html>

- 1) Who does the article say can do silly things?
  - a) art lovers
  - b) tourists
  - c) painters
  - d) museum directors
- 2) When did the Italian painter Anton Domenico Gabbiani die?
  - a) 1672
  - b) 1762
  - c) 1267
  - d) 1726
- 3) What did the man lose when his girlfriend was taking a photo?
  - a) his balance
  - b) his girlfriend
  - c) his wallet
  - d) his milkshake
- 4) Who did museum staff report the tourist to?
  - a) the museum director
  - b) security staff
  - c) the police
  - d) his parents
- 5) Who said there was not a lot of damage to the painting?
  - a) the museum director
  - b) experts
  - c) the tourist
  - d) the police
- 6) Who is angry because of the action of the tourist?
  - a) many people in Italy
  - b) experts
  - c) the police
  - d) art lovers
- 7) What did a museum director say selfies were becoming?
  - a) popular
  - b) crazy
  - c) a headache
  - d) more artistic
- 8) What did the director say was out of control?
  - a) selfies for social media
  - b) the Internet
  - c) tourism
  - d) memes
- 9) What does the director want people to respect?
  - a) Italy's cultural heritage
  - b) art
  - c) Florence
  - d) the Uffizi Gallery
- 10) What did another museum director say people are losing?
  - a) their respect
  - b) their friends
  - c) their money
  - d) their minds

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250626-selfie-damages-painting.html>

## **Role A – Effect on Locals' Lives**

You think the effect on locals' lives is the worst effect of tourism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): increased carbon footprint, overcrowding or increased trash.

## **Role B – Increased Carbon Footprint**

You think an increased carbon footprint is the worst effect of tourism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): effect on locals' lives, overcrowding or increased trash.

## **Role C – Overcrowding**

You think overcrowding is the worst effect of tourism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): increased carbon footprint, effect on locals' lives or increased trash.

## **Role D – Increased Trash**

You think increased trash is the worst effect of tourism. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): increased carbon footprint, overcrowding or effect on locals' lives.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250626-selfie-damages-painting.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'selfie' and 'painting'.

<b>selfie</b>	<b>painting</b>
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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"><li>• silly</li><li>• full</li><li>• front</li><li>• lost</li><li>• police</li><li>• luckily</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• action</li><li>• headache</li><li>• control</li><li>• rules</li><li>• similar</li><li>• lose</li></ul>
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# SELFIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250626-selfie-damages-painting.html>

Write five GOOD questions about selfies 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.

# SELFIES 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 'selfie'?
3. What do you think of tourists?
4. What do you think of paintings?
5. What do you think of selfies?
6. Should cameras be banned in museums and galleries?
7. What's your favourite museum or gallery?
8. What do you think of photos of yourself?
9. What should happen to the man?
10. What advice do you have for museums to protect artwork?

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# SELFIES 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 'painting'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Are you a good tourist?
15. What's your favourite painting?
16. What do you think of people who take selfies?
17. What do you think of people putting selfies on social media?
18. What do you think of your country's cultural heritage?
19. Do you think people 'lose their minds' to take photos?
20. What questions would you like to ask the man?

# 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) silliest | (b) silly    | (c) sill      | (d) silo       |
| 2.  | (a) his      | (b) him      | (c) he        | (d) me         |
| 3.  | (a) on       | (b) by       | (c) at        | (d) of         |
| 4.  | (a) dies     | (b) died     | (c) death     | (d) dead       |
| 5.  | (a) failing  | (b) fell     | (c) fall      | (d) falling    |
| 6.  | (a) repairs  | (b) repair   | (c) repairing | (d) repaired   |
| 7.  | (a) careless | (b) fearless | (c) toothless | (d) talentless |
| 8.  | (a) the      | (b) big      | (c) a         | (d) pain       |
| 9.  | (a) down     | (b) in       | (c) up        | (d) out        |
| 10. | (a) for      | (b) up       | (c) to        | (d) at         |
| 11. | (a) on       | (b) up       | (c) in        | (d) of         |
| 12. | (a) minds    | (b) skulls   | (c) brains    | (d) faces      |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. One tourist in Italy damaged a vluablae painting
2. full of ecilsrps paintings
3. a roapitrt by the Italian painter
4. The man lost his lanbcae
5. reported him to the police for causing medaga
6. srtpxee are now repairing the painting

## Paragraph 2

7. The tourist's sclaeesr action
8. dnaereg many people in Italy
9. create emesm or take selfies
10. compatible with respect for our cultural grteehia
11. commented on a similar tiiecnd
12. we don't think about the neceoesusqnc

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250626-selfie-damages-painting.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) asked his girlfriend to take a photo of him. The man was visiting the world-famous Uffizi Gallery in Florence, which
- ( ) behaviour that is not compatible with respect for our cultural heritage." Vanessa Carlon,
- ( ) director of Italy's Palazzo Maffei Museum, commented on a similar incident that happened in her
- ( ) for social media is now out of control. We put in place very precise rules to try to stop
- ( ) gallery. She said: "Sometimes we lose our minds to take a picture, and we don't think about the consequences."
- ( ) headache. He said: "The problem of visitors coming to museums to create memes or take selfies
- ( ) him to the police for causing damage to the priceless artwork. Experts are now
- ( ) is full of priceless paintings. He wanted a photo of himself in front of a portrait by the Italian
- ( ) of the Uffizi Gallery, told the UK's "Telegraph" newspaper that selfies are becoming a
- ( ) painter Anton Domenico Gabbiani, who died in 1726. The man lost his balance and fell backwards. When he tried
- ( ) repairing the painting. They say that luckily, there was not a lot of damage.
- ( ) The tourist's careless action has angered many people in Italy. Simone Verde, the director
- ( ) to stop himself from falling, he put his hand through the bottom of the painting. Museum staff reported
- ( **1** ) Tourists can do silly things when they want a selfie. One tourist in Italy damaged a valuable painting after he

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250626-selfie-damages-painting.html>

1. Tourists silly for things selfie a do can .
2. One tourist damaged painting valuable a in Italy .
3. He to take photo girlfriend asked a his .
4. The fell man and backwards lost balance his .
5. Luckily there not lot of was a damage .
6. The has many careless people angered action tourist's .
7. The to problem visitors of museums coming .
8. Taking is selfies out media for of control social .
9. Not for respect compatible heritage with cultural our .
10. Sometimes lose picture we to a minds take our .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250626-selfie-damages-painting.html>

Tourists can do *silliest / silly* things when they want a selfie. One tourist in Italy *damaged / damages* a valuable painting after he asked his girlfriend to take a photo of *he / him*. The man was visiting the world-famous Uffizi Gallery in Florence, which is full of *priceless / pricey* paintings. He wanted a photo of himself in front of a portrait *by / on* the Italian painter Anton Domenico Gabbiani, who died in 1726. The man *found / lost* his balance and fell backwards. When he tried to stop himself from *fallen / falling*, he put his hand through the bottom of the painting. Museum *staff / stuff* reported him to the police *for / to* causing damage to the priceless artwork. Experts are now repairing the painting. They say that *lucky / luckily*, there was not a lot of damage.

The tourist's careless action has *angered / angry* many people in Italy. Simone Verde, the director of the Uffizi Gallery, told *the / a* UK's "Telegraph" newspaper that selfies are *becoming / become* a headache. He said: "The problem of visitors coming to museums *for / to* create memes or take selfies for social media is now out *of / in* control. We put in place very precise rules to try to stop behaviour that is *so / not* compatible with respect for our cultural *charity / heritage*." Vanessa Carlon, director of Italy's Palazzo Maffei Museum, commented on a *similarity / similar* incident that happened in her gallery. She said: "Sometimes we lose our *brains / minds* to take a picture, and we don't *think / thinking* about the consequences."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

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

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the tourists careless action has angered many people in italy simone verde the director of the uffizi gallery told the uks telegraph newspaper that selfies are becoming a headache he said the problem of visitors coming to museums to create memes or take selfies for social media is now out of control we put in place very precise rules to try to stop behaviour that is not compatible with respect for our cultural heritage vanessa carlon director of italys palazzo maffei museum commented on a similar incident that happened in her gallery she said sometimes we lose our minds to take a picture and we dont think about the consequences

# 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. SELFIES:** Make a poster about selfies. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. SELFIE BAN:** Write a magazine article about why selfies should be banned in museums, galleries and similar places. 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 selfies. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Tourists
2. 1726
3. His balance
4. The police
5. Experts
6. Many people in Italy
7. A headache
8. Selfies for social media
9. Italy's cultural heritage
10. Their minds

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Tourists can do silly things for a selfie.
2. One tourist in Italy damaged a valuable painting.
3. He asked his girlfriend to take a photo.
4. The man lost his balance and fell backwards.
5. Luckily, there was not a lot of damage.
6. The tourist's careless action has angered many people.
7. The problem of visitors coming to museums.
8. Taking selfies for social media is out of control.
9. Not compatible with respect for our cultural heritage.
10. Sometimes we lose our minds to take a picture.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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