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People from 74 nations can now enter China visa free

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

China has made a big change to its visa system. More people can now visit the country without a visa. Citizens of 74 countries now have visa-free access to enter for up to 30 days. In addition, citizens from 54 countries can stay in-transit for 240 hours, but they must have a ticket to a third country. China's government is slowly expanding its visa-free entry process, so it can grow its tourism industry and its economy. It started allowing visitors from more countries in 2023. Almost every European country and many nations from South America, Asia, and the Middle East have been added since then. More than 20 million foreign visitors entered China without a visa in 2024.

The number of Chinese tourists at sights in China still greatly outnumbers international tourists. However, the country is preparing for a big increase in the number of overseas travellers. Tour companies are trying to find guides and staff, to help more and more customers. Gao Jun, an English-speaking tour guide with 20 years of experience, is very busy. He said: "I'm flooded with tours, and I'm struggling to keep up." He has started a new business to train new tour guides. Jenny Zhao, a director of the luxury WildChina tour company, said: "The new visa policies are 100 per cent beneficial to us." She said business was up by 50 per cent compared to before the pandemic.

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WARM-UPS

1. TRAVEL VISAS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about travel visas. 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?

China / big changes / visa / countries / transit / ticket / tourism / industry / visitors / sights / overseas / guides / tours / experience / busy / tour guides / wild / luxury

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

3. NO VISAS: Students A **strongly** believe we don't need visas to travel overseas; Students B **strongly** believe we do. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CHINA: What do you know about China? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want to Know
History		
Food		
Sport		
Arts		
Geography		
Cities		

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. SIGHTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- The Great Wall of China
- Big Ben
- The Pyramids
- Sydney Opera House
- Taj Mahal
- Niagara Falls
- The Parthenon
- Mount Fuji

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1. system | a. The chance to enter or use something. |
| 2. access (noun) | b. People who belong to a country. |
| 3. in addition | c. A way to do or organize something. |
| 4. citizens | d. Getting bigger or growing. |
| 5. in-transit | e. Going through a place while traveling to another place. |
| 6. expanding | f. Many businesses that do the same kind of work. |
| 7. industry | g. Also; something extra. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. tourist | h. Good or helpful. |
| 9. sights (noun) | i. Having too much work. |
| 10. outnumber | j. Finding something hard to do. |
| 11. flooded | k. A person who travels for fun. |
| 12. struggling | l. Famous or interesting places to visit. |
| 13. keep up | m. To move or work as fast as someone or something. |
| 14. beneficial | n. To be more in number than something else. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

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

1. China has made a few small changes to its visa system. **T / F**
2. Citizens of 74 countries can spend 2 months in China without a visa. **T / F**
3. Visitors from 54 countries can stay in-transit in China for 10 days. **T / F**
4. Not all citizens from European countries can visit China visa free. **T / F**
5. International tourists now outnumber Chinese tourists at sights in China. **T / F**
6. Tour companies in China are in need of tour guides. **T / F**
7. A tour guide said he experienced floods on a recent tour. **T / F**
8. A director of a luxury tour company said visas were bad for business. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. system | a. increasing |
| 2. citizens | b. trying hard |
| 3. expanding | c. process |
| 4. allowing | d. very much |
| 5. foreign | e. letting |
| 6. greatly | f. snowed under |
| 7. staff | g. passport holders |
| 8. flooded | h. helpful |
| 9. struggling | i. overseas |
| 10. beneficial | j. workers |

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

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. have visa-free access to | a. its visa-free entry process |
| 2. stay in- | b. beneficial to us |
| 3. China's government is slowly expanding | c. without a visa in 2024 |
| 4. the Middle | d. for a big increase |
| 5. 20 million foreign visitors entered China | e. transit for 240 hours |
| 6. the country is preparing | f. up by 50 per cent |
| 7. an English-speaking tour guide with | g. East |
| 8. I'm struggling to | h. 20 years of experience |
| 9. The new visa policies are 100 per cent | i. enter for up to 30 days |
| 10. She said business was | j. keep up |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

China has made a big change to its visa (1) _____. More people can now visit the country without a visa. Citizens of 74 countries now have visa-free (2) _____ to enter for up to 30 days. In addition, citizens from 54 countries can stay in-(3) _____ for 240 hours, but they must have a (4) _____ to a third country. China's government is slowly (5) _____ its visa-free entry process, so it can grow its tourism (6) _____ and its economy. It started allowing visitors from more countries in 2023. Almost every European country and many (7) _____ from South America, Asia, and the Middle East have been added (8) _____ then. More than 20 million foreign visitors entered China without a visa in 2024.

ticket
industry
system
since
transit
access
nations
expanding

The number of Chinese tourists at (9) _____ in China still greatly outnumbers international tourists. However, the country is (10) _____ for a big increase in the number of overseas travellers. Tour companies are trying to find (11) _____ and staff, to help more and more customers. Gao Jun, an English-speaking tour guide with 20 years of (12) _____, is very busy. He said: "I'm flooded with tours, and I'm (13) _____ to keep up." He has started a new business to (14) _____ new tour guides. Jenny Zhao, a director of the luxury WildChina tour company, said: "The new visa policies are 100 per cent (15) _____ to us." She said business was up by 50 per cent (16) _____ to before the pandemic.

experience
train
sights
compared
preparing
struggling
beneficial
guides

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

- 1) China has made a big change to _____
 - a. it's visa system
 - b. its visa systemic
 - c. its visa system
 - d. that's visa system
- 2) stay in-transit for 240 hours, but they must have a ticket to _____
 - a. a three country
 - b. a thirds country
 - c. a third country
 - d. a thirdly country
- 3) expanding its visa-free entry process, so it can grow its tourism industry _____
 - a. and its economy
 - b. and its economic
 - c. end its economy
 - d. and its economics
- 4) It started allowing visitors from more _____
 - a. countries on 2023
 - b. countries at 2023
 - c. countries in 2023
 - d. countries to 2023
- 5) many nations from South America, Asia, and the Middle East have been _____
 - a. add it since then
 - b. added since them
 - c. added sins then
 - d. added since then
- 6) tourists at sights in China still greatly _____
 - a. outnumber international tourists
 - b. outnumber international touristy
 - c. outnumbers international tourist
 - d. outnumbers international tourists
- 7) the country is preparing for a big increase in the number _____
 - a. off overseas travellers
 - b. of oversees travellers
 - c. of overseas travellers
 - d. of over seats travellers
- 8) I'm flooded with tours, and I'm struggling _____
 - a. to kept up
 - b. to keep up
 - c. to keep pup
 - d. took key pup
- 9) The new visa policies are 100 per cent _____
 - a. benefit to us
 - b. beneficial to us
 - c. beneficial too us
 - d. been official to us
- 10) She said business was up by 50 per cent _____
 - a. compared at before
 - b. compared to be four
 - c. compared for before
 - d. compared to before

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

China has made a big change to (1) _____. More people can now visit the country without a visa. Citizens of 74 countries now have visa-free (2) _____ for up to 30 days. In addition, citizens from 54 countries can stay in-transit for 240 hours, but they must have a (3) _____ third country. China's government is slowly expanding its visa-free entry process, so it can grow (4) _____ and its economy. It started allowing visitors from more countries in 2023. Almost every European country and (5) _____ South America, Asia, and the Middle East have been added since then. More than 20 million foreign visitors entered China (6) _____ in 2024.

The number of Chinese (7) _____ in China still greatly outnumbers international tourists. However, the country is preparing for a big increase in (8) _____ overseas travellers. Tour companies are trying to find guides and staff, to (9) _____ more customers. Gao Jun, an English-speaking tour guide with 20 years of experience, is very busy. He said: "I'm flooded with tours, and I'm (10) _____ up." He has started a new business to train new tour guides. Jenny Zhao, a director of the luxury WildChina tour company, said: "The new visa policies are 100 per cent (11) _____." She said business was up by 50 per cent (12) _____ the pandemic.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

1. For how long can citizens from 74 countries visit China without a visa?
2. For how long can citizens from 54 countries visit China in-transit?
3. What does China want to grow besides its economy?
4. When did China start allowing more tourists into the country?
5. How many overseas visitors went to China in 2024?
6. What does the article say outnumbers international tourists at sights?
7. What are tour companies trying to find?
8. What did a tour guide say he was flooded with?
9. What kind of tours does the company WildChina offer?
10. By how much has business increased at WildChina since the pandemic?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

- 1) For how long can citizens from 74 countries visit China without a visa?
 - a) 240 hours
 - b) 60 days
 - c) one month
 - d) 30 days
- 2) For how long can citizens from 54 countries visit China in-transit?
 - a) one week
 - b) 240 hours (10 days)
 - c) two weeks
 - d) 48 hours
- 3) What does China want to grow besides its economy?
 - a) its place in top travel destinations
 - b) rice
 - c) its tourism industry
 - d) its own food
- 4) When did China start allowing more tourists into the country?
 - a) 2023
 - b) 2022
 - c) 2021
 - d) 2020
- 5) How many overseas visitors went to China in 2024?
 - a) around 20 million
 - b) exactly 20 million
 - c) more than 20 million
 - d) just fewer than 20 million
- 6) What does the article say outnumbers international tourists at sights?
 - a) staff
 - b) Chinese tourists
 - c) tour guides
 - d) Terracotta Warriors
- 7) What are tour companies trying to find?
 - a) hotel rooms
 - b) new places to visit
 - c) a secret, lost city
 - d) guides and staff
- 8) What did a tour guide say he was flooded with?
 - a) tours
 - b) water
 - c) requests
 - d) complaints
- 9) What kind of tours does the company WildChina offer?
 - a) budget tours
 - b) adventure tours
 - c) luxury tours
 - d) safaris
- 10) By how much has business increased at WildChina since the pandemic?
 - a) by 60%
 - b) by 50%
 - c) by 40%
 - d) by 30%

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

Role A – The Great Wall of China

You think the Great Wall of China is the world's greatest sight. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sights. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Pyramids, Taj Mahal or Mount Fuji.

Role B – The Pyramids

You think the Pyramids is the world's greatest sight. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sights. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Great Wall of China, Taj Mahal or Mount Fuji.

Role C – Taj Mahal

You think Taj Mahal is the world's greatest sight. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sights. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Pyramids, the Great Wall of China or Mount Fuji.

Role D – Mount Fuji

You think Mount Fuji is the world's greatest sight. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sights. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Pyramids, Taj Mahal or the Great Wall of China.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

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

China	visa

- 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">• change• access• 54• slowly• started• almost	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• number• big• help• flooded• luxury• business
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TRAVEL VISAS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

Write five GOOD questions about travel visas 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.

TRAVEL VISAS 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 'China'?
3. What do you know about China?
4. Where in China would you like to go?
5. What do you think of visas?
6. What are the good things about travelling overseas?
7. What do you think of lots of tourists coming to your country?
8. How important is the tourism industry in your country?
9. How many countries have you visited?
10. Which countries would you like to visit?

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TRAVEL VISAS 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 'visa'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are the most famous places in China to visit?
15. How would the world be different without visa regulations?
16. What are the bad things about travelling overseas?
17. What are the best sights in your country?
18. What do you think of the job of a tour guide?
19. What do you know about overtourism?
20. What questions would you like to ask a tour guide in China?

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

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The number of Chinese tourists at (7) _____ in China still greatly outnumbers international tourists. However, the country is preparing (8) _____ a big increase in the number of overseas travellers. Tour companies are trying to find guides and (9) _____, to help more and more customers. Gao Jun, an English-speaking tour guide with 20 years (10) _____ experience, is very busy. He said: "I'm flooded with tours, and I'm struggling to keep (11) _____." He has started a new business to train new tour guides. Jenny Zhao, a director of the luxury WildChina tour company, said: "The new visa policies are 100 per cent (12) _____ to us." She said business was up by 50 per cent compared to before the pandemic.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) change | (b) charge | (c) changing | (d) charger |
| 2. | (a) excess | (b) recess | (c) access | (d) success |
| 3. | (a) out | (b) up | (c) in | (d) to |
| 4. | (a) that | (b) how | (c) that | (d) so |
| 5. | (a) every | (b) everywhere | (c) whole | (d) all |
| 6. | (a) for | (b) since | (c) before | (d) in |
| 7. | (a) sight | (b) sites | (c) sighs | (d) sights |
| 8. | (a) of | (b) for | (c) from | (d) at |
| 9. | (a) stuff | (b) stiff | (c) staff | (d) staffer |
| 10. | (a) by | (b) in | (c) to | (d) of |
| 11. | (a) down | (b) in | (c) out | (d) up |
| 12. | (a) benefit | (b) beneficial | (c) benefits | (d) beneficiary |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

Paragraph 1

1. a big change to its visa symtes
2. cnziseit of 74 countries
3. have visa-free csseca
4. stay in- rtnitsa for 240 hours
5. so it can grow its tourism sdinrtuy
6. More than 20 million figroen visitors

Paragraph 2

7. greatly runutobems international tourists
8. the country is preparing for a big eacneisr
9. I'm oefdold with tours
10. The new visa eioispcl
11. 100 per cent eicefanilb to us
12. mapdcore to before the pandemic

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () addition, citizens from 54 countries can stay in-transit for 240 hours, but they must have a ticket to a third
- () beneficial to us." She said business was up by 50 per cent compared to before the pandemic.
- (**1**) China has made a big change to its visa system. More people can now visit the country without a
- () country. China's government is slowly expanding its visa-free entry process, so it can grow its tourism
- () every European country and many nations from South America, Asia, and the Middle East have been added since
- () guide with 20 years of experience, is very busy. He said: "I'm flooded with tours, and I'm struggling to keep
- () industry and its economy. It started allowing visitors from more countries in 2023. Almost
- () of the luxury WildChina tour company, said: "The new visa policies are 100 per cent
- () The number of Chinese tourists at sights in China still greatly outnumbers international
- () then. More than 20 million foreign visitors entered China without a visa in 2024.
- () tourists. However, the country is preparing for a big increase in the number of overseas travellers. Tour companies are
- () trying to find guides and staff, to help more and more customers. Gao Jun, an English-speaking tour
- () up." He has started a new business to train new tour guides. Jenny Zhao, a director
- () visa. Citizens of 74 countries now have visa-free access to enter for up to 30 days. In

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

1. China has visa to system made a its change .
2. More the visit country people now can .
3. Citizens in-transit from countries 54 stay can .
4. They tickets third have a to must country .
5. It countries more allowing started visitors from .
6. The in sights tourists at of China number .
7. A the increase of travellers in number big .
8. Tour find trying companies are guides to .
9. New 100% us to are beneficial visa policies .
10. Business by to up 50% before compared was .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

China has made a big *charge* / *change* to its visa system. More people can now visit the country *without* / *within* a visa. Citizens of 74 countries now have visa-free *excess* / *access* to enter for *up* / *down* to 30 days. In addition, citizens from 54 countries can stay *on-transit* / *in-transit* for 240 hours, but they must have a ticket to a third country. China's government is slowly expanding *its* / *it's* visa-free entry process, so it can grow its tourism industry and its *economic* / *economy*. It started allowing visitors from *mere* / *more* countries in 2023. Almost every European country and many *national* / *nations* from South America, Asia, and the Middle East have been added since then. More than 20 million foreign visitors *entry* / *entered* China without a visa in 2024.

The *number* / *numeral* of Chinese tourists at sights in China still greatly outnumbers international tourists. However, the country is *preparation* / *preparing* for a big increase *in* / *on* the number of overseas travellers. Tour companies are trying to find guides and *stuff* / *staff*, to help more and more customers. Gao Jun, an English-speaking tour guide with 20 years *off* / *of* experience, is very busy. He said: "I'm flooded with *tears* / *tours*, and I'm struggling to keep up." He has started a *new* / *news* business to train new tour guides. Jenny Zhao, a *director* / *direction* of the luxury WildChina tour company, said: "The new visa policies are 100 per cent *benefit* / *beneficial* to us." She said business was up by 50 per cent compared *at* / *to* before the pandemic.

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)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

Ch_na has mad_ a b_g chang_ t_ _ts v_sa syst_m.
M_r_ p__pl_ can n_w v_s_t th_ c__ntry w_th__t a
v_sa. C_t_z_ns _f 74 c__ntr__s n_w hav_ v_sa-fr__
acc_ss t_ _nt_r f_r _p t_ 30 days. _n add_t__n,
c_t_z_ns fr_m 54 c__ntr__s can stay _n-trans_t f_r
240 h__rs, b_t th_y m_st hav_ a t_ck_t t_ a th_rd
c__ntry. Ch_na's g_v_rnm_nt _s sl_wly _xpand_ng _ts
v_sa-fr__ _ntry pr_c_ss, s_ _t can gr_w _ts t__rsm
_ndstry and _ts _c_n_my. _t start_d all_wng v_s_t_rs
fr_m m_r_ c__ntr__s _n 2023. Alm_st _v_ry __r_p_an
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and th_ M_ddl_ _ast hav_ b__n add_d s_nc_ th_n.
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w_th__t a v_sa _n 2024.

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H_w_v_r, th_ c__ntry _s pr_par_ng f_r a b_g _ncr_as_
n th n_mb_r _f _v_rs_as trav_ll_rs. T__r c_mpan__s
ar_ try_ng t_ f_nd g__ds and staff, t_ h_lp m_r_
and m_r_ c_st_m_rs. Ga_ J_n, an _ngl_sh-sp_ak_ng
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"Th_ n_w v_sa p_l_c__s ar_ 100 p_r c_nt b_n_f_c_al
t_ _s." Sh_ sa_d b_s_n_ss was _p by 50 p_r c_nt
c_mpar_d t_ b_f_r_ th_ pand_m_c.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

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the number of chinese tourists at sights in china still greatly outnumber international tourists however the country is preparing for a big increase in the number of overseas travellers tour companies are trying to find guides and staff to help more and more customers gao jun an englishspeaking tour guide with 20 years of experience is very busy he said im flooded with tours and im struggling to keep up he has started a new business to train new tour guides jenny zhao a director of the luxury wildchina tour company said the new visa policies are 100 per cent beneficial to us she said business was up by 50 per cent compared to before the pandemic

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

Write about **travel visas** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

[illegible]

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250710-china-visa.html>

No one should need a visa to visit any country. Discuss.

[illegible]

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. TRAVEL VISAS: Make a poster about travel visas. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. NO VISAS: Write a magazine article about ending all travel visas to any country. 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 travel visas. Ask him/her three questions about travel visas. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Thirty days
- 240 hours (10 days)
- Its tourism industry
- In 2023
- More than 20 million
- Chinese tourists
- Guides and staff
- Tours
- Luxury tours
- By 50%

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- China has made a change to its visa system.
- More people can now visit the country.
- Citizens from 54 countries can stay in-transit.
- They must have tickets to a third country.
- It started allowing visitors from more countries.
- The number of tourists at sights in China.
- A big increase in the number of travellers.
- Tour companies are trying to find guides.
- New visa policies are 100% beneficial to us.
- Business was up by 50% compared to before.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 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 ;-)