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**Level 4 – 29th April 2024**

## **Town to erect fence to stop Mount Fuji selfies**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240429-overtourism-4.html>

Overtourism is causing headaches for authorities and residents in Japan. The weaker yen has meant people are flocking to see Japan's sites and sample its world-famous cuisine. A town at the foot of Mount Fuji is taking action to combat the problem. The town is being flooded with sightseers taking selfies in front of a convenience store, with Fuji-san in the background. The town will make a giant fence to block the view of Japan's iconic mountain.

A local official said the tourists were throwing trash in the streets and blocking traffic. The town has employed security guards to control selfie takers. The official said it was "regrettable" to have to erect the fence, which will be 20 metres long and 2.5 metres high. Other places in Japan are also battling overtourism. Locals in Kyoto cannot get on overcrowded buses. Areas of Kyoto have been closed to tourists to stop people harassing geisha.

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2024/04/26/japan/society/town-sets-up-screen-to-hide-mount-fuji/>  
<https://edition.cnn.com/travel/japan-mount-fuji-view-barrier-tourists-intl-hnk/index.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240429-overtourism-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Overtourism is causing    | a. of Mount Fuji      |
| 2. authorities and           | b. see Japan's sites  |
| 3. The weaker                | c. iconic mountain    |
| 4. people are flocking to    | d. residents in Japan |
| 5. sample its world-         | e. combat the problem |
| 6. A town at the foot        | f. famous cuisine     |
| 7. taking action to          | g. headaches          |
| 8. block the view of Japan's | h. yen                |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A local                  | a. security guards    |
| 2. blocking                 | b. buses              |
| 3. The town has employed    | c. official           |
| 4. The official said it     | d. geisha             |
| 5. erect the                | e. traffic            |
| 6. overcrowded              | f. closed to tourists |
| 7. Areas of Kyoto have been | g. fence              |
| 8. stop people harassing    | h. was "regrettable"  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240429-overtourism-4.html>

Overtourism is causing headaches for (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan. The weaker yen has meant (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to see Japan's sites (3) \_\_\_\_\_ world-famous cuisine. A town at the foot of Mount Fuji is taking action to (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The town is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ sightseers taking selfies in front of a convenience store, with Fuji-san in the background. The town will make a giant fence to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan's iconic mountain.

A (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the tourists were throwing trash in the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ traffic. The town has employed security guards to control selfie takers. The official said it was (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to erect the fence, which will be 20 metres long and 2.5 metres high. Other places in Japan (10) \_\_\_\_\_ overtourism. Locals in Kyoto cannot (11) \_\_\_\_\_ buses. Areas of Kyoto have been closed to tourists to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ geisha.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240429-overtourism-4.html>

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# OVERTOURISM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240429-overtourism-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about overtourism 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) \_\_\_\_\_

