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Level 1 – 24th August, 2021

Venice set to charge tourists to enter the city

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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/2108/210824-venice-1.html>

Venice is a top tourist destination. Around 20 million visitors a year can visit. This causes problems such as cruise-ship pollution and overcrowding. The city is planning to charge tourists to visit Venice's historical centre from the summer of 2022. An Italian newspaper said this could be as much as \$11. There might also be a limit on the number of visitors who can enter the city centre each day. Tourists may need to book their visit before they go.

People have talked for years about the city's problems. Environmentalists worried about damage to marine life. Heritage lovers want to protect the city's squares from tourists. Italy said there is a "concrete risk" of UNESCO adding Venice to its list of World Heritage in Danger sites. However, a hotel worker says Venice needs cruise ships because tourists "spend big". A city worker worries a tourist fee will turn Venice into a "theme park".

Sources: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-08-21/venice-to-charge-tourists-for-entry-from-summer-2022-la-stampa>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Venice is a top tourist | a. city centre |
| 2. This causes | b. summer of 2022 |
| 3. The city is planning to | c. before they go |
| 4. from the | d. problems |
| 5. this could be as | e. the number |
| 6. a limit on | f. charge tourists |
| 7. visitors who can enter the | g. destination |
| 8. book their visit | h. much as \$11 |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. talked for years | a. cruise ships |
| 2. damage to marine | b. risk |
| 3. protect the city's | c. big |
| 4. a concrete | d. to its list |
| 5. UNESCO adding Venice | e. about the city's problems |
| 6. a hotel worker says Venice needs | f. theme park |
| 7. tourists spend | g. squares from tourists |
| 8. turn Venice into a | h. life |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210824-venice-1.html>

Venice is a (1) _____. Around 20 million visitors a year can visit. This causes (2) _____ cruise-ship pollution and overcrowding. The city (3) _____ charge tourists to visit Venice's historical centre from the summer of 2022. An Italian newspaper said this (4) _____ much as \$11. There might also (5) _____ on the number of visitors who can enter the city centre each day. Tourists may need to book (6) _____ they go.

People have (7) _____ about the city's problems. Environmentalists worried about (8) _____ life. Heritage (9) _____ protect the city's squares from tourists. Italy said there is a "concrete risk" of UNESCO adding Venice to (10) _____ World Heritage in Danger sites. However, a hotel worker says Venice needs cruise ships because (11) _____. A city worker worries a tourist fee will turn Venice (12) _____ park.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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VENICE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210824-venice-4.html>

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.

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) _____

