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Dutch towns tell tourists how to behave

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170414-tourism-5.html>

Being a tourist and wandering around the sites of old villages is great, but is it such a thrill for the locals? Villagers living in the area of 'Old Holland' near Amsterdam have had enough of visitors and tour guides with megaphones disturbing their peace. They have teamed up with tour companies to create rules of conduct for tourists. These include not photographing residents without asking, not going into their gardens and not dropping litter. The rules are an attempt to deal with the growing popularity of the area. Tourism is booming and will rise by 50 per cent in the next decade.

Old Holland is idyllic and matches our image of Holland from a past age. There are many windmills and locals live in traditional wooden houses. A local resident told Holland's Het Parool newspaper that the village of Zaanse Schans is like an open-air museum. He said: "One resident...opened his curtains in the morning and looked into the camera lenses of nine amateur photographers." He added: "The visitors seem happy to knock on the wooden houses to see if it is real wood. If you are the resident of that house, that is not pleasant." Tour buses were the biggest nuisance.

Sources: <http://www.dutchnews.nl/news/archives/2017/03/tourists-told-to-behave-in-old-holland-as-popularity-surges/>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-news-from-elsewhere-39281245>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170414-tourism-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. tour guides with | a. by 50 per cent |
| 2. disturbing their | b. for tourists |
| 3. create rules of conduct | c. megaphones |
| 4. not dropping | d. decade |
| 5. deal with the growing | e. litter |
| 6. Tourism is | f. peace |
| 7. rise | g. booming |
| 8. in the next | h. popularity |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Holland from a past | a. if it is real wood |
| 2. locals live in traditional | b. air museum |
| 3. like an open- | c. nuisance |
| 4. camera | d. age |
| 5. amateur | e. pleasant |
| 6. knock on the wooden houses to see | f. wooden houses |
| 7. that is not | g. photographers |
| 8. Tour buses were the biggest | h. lenses |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170414-tourism-5.html>

Being a tourist (1) _____ the sites of old villages is great, but is it such a thrill for the locals? Villagers (2) _____ of 'Old Holland' near Amsterdam have had enough of visitors and tour guides with megaphones disturbing their peace. They (3) _____ with tour companies to create (4) _____ for tourists. These include not photographing residents without asking, not going into their gardens and not dropping litter. The (5) _____ to deal with the growing popularity of the area. Tourism is booming and will rise by 50 per cent (6) _____.

Old Holland (7) _____ matches our image of Holland from a past age. There are many windmills (8) _____ traditional wooden houses. A local resident told Holland's Het Parool newspaper that the village of Zaanse Schans is (9) _____ museum. He said: "One resident...opened (10) _____ the morning and looked into the camera lenses of nine amateur photographers." He added: "The visitors seem happy (11) _____ wooden houses to see if it is real wood. If you are (12) _____ that house, that is not pleasant." Tour buses were the biggest nuisance.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TOURISM SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170414-tourism-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about 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) _____

