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## **Level 6**

### **Dutch towns tell tourists how to behave**

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# THE ARTICLE

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

It's great being a tourist and leisurely wandering around old towns and villages seeing the sites, but is it such a thrill for the local residents? Villagers living in the area known as 'Old Holland' outside of Amsterdam have had enough of visitors traipsing around and of tour guides with megaphones disturbing their peace. They have got together with local tour companies to create rules of conduct for tourists. The rules include not photographing residents without permission, not strolling into their gardens and not dropping litter. The new code of conduct is an attempt to deal with the growing popularity of the region. Tourism is booming and the number of tourists is expected to rise by 50 percent in the next decade.

Old Holland is an idyllic area that matches people's image of Dutch life from a slower, bygone age. There are windmills everywhere and locals live in beautifully preserved, traditional wooden houses. Local resident Peter-Jan van Steenberghe told Holland's Het Parool newspaper that the village of Zaanse Schans is like an open-air museum. He said: "I talked to one resident who 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, of course." He said the busloads of tourists were the biggest nuisance.

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# WARM-UPS

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

leisurely / old towns / villages / thrill / tour guides / tourists / litter / popularity / idyllic / windmills / preserved / traditional / museum / photographers / nuisance

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

**3. RULES:** Students A **strongly** believe there should be strict rules for tourists when they visit places; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. CODE OF CONDUCT:** Make some rules for tourists for these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Rules	Why?
Clothes		
Groups		
Photos		
Food		
Local people		
Souvenirs		

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

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

- The Pyramids
- The Statue of Liberty
- The Great Wall of China
- Sydney Opera House
- The Amazon
- Machu Picchu
- Masai Mara
- Mount Fuji

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. The article said receiving tourists is a thrill for local people. **T / F**
- b. 'Old Holland' is a part of central Amsterdam. **T / F**
- c. New rules for tourists say there is to be no photography in villages. **T / F**
- d. The number of tourists may increase by 50% in the next 10 years. **T / F**
- e. 'Old Holland' does not fit people's idea of life in Holland in the past. **T / F**
- f. A resident said one village was like an open-air museum. **T / F**
- g. One resident opened his curtains to find 9 photographers outside. **T / F**
- h. A resident said busloads of tourists were the most annoying thing. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. leisurely</b>  | a. picturesque  |
| <b>2. thrill</b>     | b. annoyance    |
| <b>3. disturbing</b> | c. relaxed      |
| <b>4. permission</b> | d. mushrooming  |
| <b>5. booming</b>    | e. local        |
| <b>6. idyllic</b>    | f. interrupting |
| <b>7. preserved</b>  | g. authentic    |
| <b>8. resident</b>   | h. excitement   |
| <b>9. real</b>       | i. maintained   |
| <b>10. nuisance</b>  | j. say-so       |

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

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. leisurely wandering                   | a. the biggest nuisance   |
| 2. tour guides with megaphones           | b. rise by 50 per cent    |
| 3. deal with the growing popularity      | c. area                   |
| 4. the number of tourists is expected to | d. bygone age             |
| 5. in the next                           | e. around old towns       |
| 6. an idyllic                            | f. photographers          |
| 7. life from a slower,                   | g. disturbing their peace |
| 8. like an open-                         | h. decade                 |
| 9. amateur                               | i. air museum             |
| 10. busloads of tourists were            | j. of the region          |

# GAP FILL

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

It's great being a tourist and (1) \_\_\_\_\_ wandering around old towns and villages seeing the sites, but is it such a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for the local residents? Villagers living in the area known as 'Old Holland' outside of Amsterdam have had (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of visitors traipsing around and of tour guides with megaphones disturbing their peace. They have got together with local tour companies to create rules of (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for tourists. The rules include not photographing residents without (5) \_\_\_\_\_, not strolling into their gardens and not dropping (6) \_\_\_\_\_. The new code of conduct is an attempt to deal with the growing (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the region. Tourism is booming and the number of tourists is expected to rise by 50 percent in the next (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*conduct*  
*litter*  
*leisurely*  
*decade*  
*enough*  
*permission*  
*thrill*  
*popularity*

Old Holland is an (9) \_\_\_\_\_ area that matches people's image of Dutch life from a slower, bygone (10) \_\_\_\_\_. There are windmills everywhere and locals live in beautifully (11) \_\_\_\_\_, traditional wooden houses. Local resident Peter-Jan van Steenbergen told Holland's Het Parool newspaper that the village of Zaanse Schans is like an open- (12) \_\_\_\_\_ museum. He said: "I talked to one (13) \_\_\_\_\_ who 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 (14) \_\_\_\_\_ wood. If you are the resident of that house, that is not (15) \_\_\_\_\_, of course." He said the busloads of tourists were the biggest (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*air*  
*age*  
*real*  
*nuisance*  
*preserved*  
*pleasant*  
*idyllic*  
*resident*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) enough of visitors traipsing around and of tour guides with megaphones \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. disturbing their piece
  - b. disturbing there peace
  - c. disturb in their peace
  - d. disturbing their peace
- 2) They have got together with local tour companies to create \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. rules off conned duck
  - b. rules of contract
  - c. rules of conduct
  - d. rules off conduit
- 3) photographing residents without permission, not strolling into their gardens and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. not drooping litter
  - b. not dropping litter
  - c. not dropping letter
  - d. not drooping letter
- 4) The new code of conduct is an attempt to deal with the growing popularity \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of the region
  - b. of the regional
  - c. of the regions
  - d. of the legion
- 5) the number of tourists is expected to rise by 50 per cent in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the next decades
  - b. a next decadence
  - c. the next decade
  - d. the next decadent
- 6) matches people's image of Dutch life from a slower, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. bygone age
  - b. be gone age
  - c. bye gone age
  - d. beginning age
- 7) told Holland's Het Parool newspaper that the village of Zaanse Schans is like an \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. open-airy museum
  - b. open-air museum
  - c. open-aired museum
  - d. open-air's museum
- 8) The visitors seem happy to knock on the wooden houses to see if \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. it is real wood
  - b. it is real wooden
  - c. it is real woods
  - d. it is real woody
- 9) If you are the resident of that house, that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is not pleasing
  - b. is not pleasantry
  - c. is not pheasant
  - d. is not pleasant
- 10) He said the busloads of tourists were the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. biggest nuance
  - b. biggest nonsense
  - c. biggest nuisance
  - d. biggest nascence

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

It's great (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and leisurely wandering around old towns and villages seeing the sites, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ thrill for the local residents? Villagers living in the area known as 'Old Holland' outside of Amsterdam have had enough of visitors traipsing (3) \_\_\_\_\_ guides with megaphones disturbing their peace. They have got together with local tour companies to create (4) \_\_\_\_\_ tourists. The rules include not photographing residents without permission, not strolling into their gardens (5) \_\_\_\_\_ litter. The new code of conduct is an attempt to deal with the growing popularity of the region. Tourism is booming and the number of tourists (6) \_\_\_\_\_ rise by 50 percent in the next decade.

Old Holland (7) \_\_\_\_\_ area that matches people's image of Dutch life from a slower, bygone age. There are windmills everywhere and locals live in beautifully preserved, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ houses. Local resident Peter-Jan van Steenbergen told Holland's Het Parool newspaper that the village of Zaanse Schans is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ museum. He said: "I talked to one resident (10) \_\_\_\_\_ curtains in the morning and looked into the camera lenses of nine amateur photographers." He added: "The visitors seem (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the wooden houses to see if it is real wood. If you are the resident of that house, that is not pleasant, of course." He said the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ were the biggest nuisance.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What did the article question tourism might not be for local residents?
2. What do tour guides have that disturb locals' peace?
3. What do tourists need permission to take photos of under the new rules?
4. What did the article say was booming?
5. By when is the number of tourists expected to rise by 50%?
6. What kind of area did the article say Old Holland was?
7. What are the houses made from that the locals live in?
8. How many photographers did a resident find outside his window?
9. What do some tourists knock on?
10. What did a resident say was the biggest nuisance?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What did the article question tourism might not be for local residents?
  - a) profitable
  - b) a thrill
  - c) the dream life
  - d) touristy
- 2) What do tour guides have that disturb locals' peace?
  - a) giant loud speakers
  - b) mobile phones
  - c) fights
  - d) megaphones
- 3) What do tourists need permission to take photos of under the new rules?
  - a) the inside of churches
  - b) the houses
  - c) the local residents
  - d) windmills
- 4) What did the article say was booming?
  - a) tourism
  - b) the voices of tour guides
  - c) a 12<sup>th</sup>-century cannon
  - d) fireworks
- 5) By when is the number of tourists expected to rise by 50%?
  - a) 2050
  - b) in the next decade
  - c) 2020
  - d) the end of next year
- 6) What kind of area did the article say Old Holland was?
  - a) idyllic
  - b) age
  - c) matchless
  - d) slow
- 7) What are the houses made from that the locals live in?
  - a) steel
  - b) brick
  - c) wood
  - d) rocks
- 8) How many photographers did a resident find outside his window?
  - a) 9
  - b) 8
  - c) 7
  - d) 6
- 9) What do some tourists knock on?
  - a) trees
  - b) windows
  - c) buses
  - d) the wooden houses
- 10) What did a resident say was the biggest nuisance?
  - a) tourists breaking flowers
  - b) rush hour
  - c) busloads of tourists
  - d) litter

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – The Pyramids**

You think The Pyramids is the world's best site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their site is not as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Statue of Liberty, the Amazon or Mount Fuji.

## **Role B – The Statue of Liberty**

You think the Statue of Liberty is the world's best site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their site is not as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): The Pyramids, the Amazon or Mount Fuji.

## **Role C – The Amazon**

You think the Amazon is the world's best site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their site is not as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Statue of Liberty, The Pyramids or Mount Fuji.

## **Role D – Mount Fuji**

You think Mount Fuji is the world's best site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their site is not as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Statue of Liberty, the Amazon or The Pyramids.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'code' and 'conduct'.

<b>code</b>	<b>conduct</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>• great</li><li>• outside</li><li>• peace</li><li>• include</li><li>• attempt</li><li>• next</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• area</li><li>• traditional</li><li>• open</li><li>• camera</li><li>• real</li><li>• biggest</li></ul>
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# TOURISM SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170414-tourism.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.

# TOURISM DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'tourism'?
3. What kind of tourist are you?
4. What kind of tourism is there in your town?
5. What responsibilities do tourists have?
6. What are the bad things about tourism?
7. Why is tourism such a big industry?
8. What rules for tourists would you add?
9. What should happen to tourists who break these rules?
10. What benefits do tourists bring to a town or area?

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# TOURISM 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 'tourist'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What kind of bad behaviour can tourists have?
15. Should people have culture lessons before going to other countries?
16. What image do people from your country have overseas?
17. Do you like being a tourist?
18. Do you prefer solo travel or being part of a tour group?
19. Would you be a good tour guide? Why?
20. What questions would you like to ask the villagers?

## **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 <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170414-tourism.html>

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Old Holland is an (7) \_\_\_\_\_ area that matches people's image of Dutch life from a slower, bygone (8) \_\_\_\_\_. There are windmills everywhere and locals live in beautifully preserved, traditional wooden houses. Local resident Peter-Jan van Steenbergen told Holland's Het Parool newspaper that the village of Zaanse Schans is like an open-(9) \_\_\_\_\_ museum. He said: "I talked to one resident who opened his curtains in (10) \_\_\_\_\_ morning and looked into the camera lenses of nine amateur photographers." He added: "The visitors seem happy to knock on the wooden houses to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ if it is real wood. If you are the resident of that house, that is not pleasant, of course." He said the busloads of tourists were the biggest (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

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

- |     |                  |               |                |                   |
|-----|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | (a) leisurely    | (b) leisure   | (c) leisured   | (d) leisureliness |
| 2.  | (a) trill        | (b) till      | (c) thrill     | (d) thriller      |
| 3.  | (a) have         | (b) by        | (c) of         | (d) to            |
| 4.  | (a) photographed | (b) photo     | (c) photograph | (d) photographing |
| 5.  | (a) litter       | (b) kittens   | (c) mittens    | (d) smitten       |
| 6.  | (a) risen        | (b) rise      | (c) arise      | (d) raise         |
| 7.  | (a) metallic     | (b) alcoholic | (c) acrylic    | (d) idyllic       |
| 8.  | (a) old          | (b) age       | (c) history    | (d) before        |
| 9.  | (a) oxygen       | (b) wind      | (c) air        | (d) breeze        |
| 10. | (a) a            | (b) that      | (c) one        | (d) the           |
| 11. | (a) watch        | (b) look      | (c) view       | (d) see           |
| 12. | (a) nuance       | (b) nuisance  | (c) nascence   | (d) nonsense      |

# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. llueyisre wandering around old towns
2. the local esnretsdi
3. tour guides with aengmehsop
4. without emssopinri
5. the growing popularity of the iergon
6. rise by 50 per cent in the next ddeeca

## Paragraph 2

7. Old Holland is an llydcii area
8. beautifully sevperrde, traditional wooden houses
9. like an open-air summue
10. nine rteaaum photographers
11. that is not natelaps
12. tourists were the biggest ianucnes



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

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

- ( ) thrill for the local residents? Villagers living in the area known as 'Old Holland' outside of Amsterdam have had enough
- ( ) of visitors traipsing around and of tour guides with megaphones disturbing their peace. They have got together
- ( ) age. There are windmills everywhere and locals live in beautifully preserved, traditional wooden houses. Local
- ( ) resident Peter-Jan van Steenbergen told Holland's Het Parool newspaper that the village of Zaanse Schans is like
- ( ) seem happy to knock on the wooden houses to see if it is real wood. If you are the resident of that
- ( ) with local tour companies to create rules of conduct for tourists. The rules include not
- ( ) house, that is not pleasant, of course." He said the busloads of tourists were the biggest nuisance.
- ( **1** ) It's great being a tourist and leisurely wandering around old towns and villages seeing the sites, but is it such a
- ( ) litter. The new code of conduct is an attempt to deal with the growing popularity of the region. Tourism is booming and
- ( ) curtains in the morning and looked into the camera lenses of nine amateur photographers." He added: "The visitors
- ( ) the number of tourists is expected to rise by 50 per cent in the next decade.
- ( ) photographing residents without permission, not strolling into their gardens and not dropping
- ( ) Old Holland is an idyllic area that matches people's image of Dutch life from a slower, bygone
- ( ) an open-air museum. He said: "I talked to one resident who opened his

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. old and towns leisurely Being wandering a around tourist .
2. megaphones their Tour with disturbing peace guides .
3. photographing not include rules The permission without residents .
4. with the growing popularity of the region An attempt to deal .
5. 50 by rise to expected is tourists of number The cent per .
6. preserved Locals , live traditional in wooden beautifully houses .
7. resident in who the opened morning his One curtains .
8. nine the amateur camera photographers lenses Looked of into .
9. to the The happy on houses seem knock wooden visitors .
10. the nuisance of were biggest Busloads tourists .

## CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

It's great being a tourist and *leisurely* / *leisure* wandering around old towns and villages seeing the sites, but is it such a *thrilling* / *thrill* for the local residents? Villagers living in the area *known* / *knowing* as 'Old Holland' outside of Amsterdam have had enough *for* / *of* visitors traipsing around and of tour guides *with* / *within* megaphones disturbing their peace. They have got together with *local* / *locally* tour companies to create rules of conduct for tourists. The rules include not *photographs* / *photographing* residents without *permission* / *persimmon*, not strolling into their gardens and not dropping litter. The new code of conduct is an attempt to deal *by* / *with* the growing popularity of the region. Tourism is booming and the number of tourists is expected to *raise* / *rise* by 50 percent in the next decade.

Old Holland is an idyllic area that *match* / *matches* people's image of Dutch life from a slower, *bygone* / *begin* age. There are windmills everywhere and locals live in beautifully *preserved* / *preservative*, traditional wooden houses. Local *resident* / *residence* Peter-Jan van Steenberghe told Holland's Het Parool newspaper that the village of Zaanse Schans is *similar* / *like* an open-air museum. He said: "I talked to *one* / *once* resident who opened his curtains *in* / *on* the morning and looked into the camera lenses of nine amateur *photographers* / *photographs*." He added: "The visitors seem happy to knock on the wooden houses to *see* / *view* if it is real wood. If you are the resident of that house, that is not pleasant, of course." He said the busloads of tourists were the biggest *nuance* / *nuisance*.

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

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

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\_t's gr\_\_t b\_\_ng \_\_t\_\_r\_\_st \_\_nd l\_\_s\_\_r\_\_ly w\_\_nd\_\_r\_\_ng  
\_r\_\_nd \_\_ld t\_\_wns \_\_nd v\_\_ll\_\_g\_\_s s\_\_ng th\_\_s\_\_t\_\_s, b\_\_t  
\_s\_\_t\_\_s\_\_ch \_\_thr\_\_ll\_\_f\_\_r\_\_th\_\_l\_\_c\_\_l\_\_r\_\_s\_\_d\_\_nts? V\_\_ll\_\_g\_\_rs  
l\_\_v\_\_ng \_\_n th\_\_ \_\_r\_\_ \_\_kn\_\_wn \_\_s ' \_\_ld H\_\_ll\_\_nd' \_\_ts\_\_d\_\_ \_\_f  
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d\_\_st\_\_rb\_\_ng th\_\_r\_\_p\_\_c\_\_. Th\_\_y h\_\_v\_\_g\_\_t t\_\_g\_\_th\_\_r w\_\_th  
l\_\_c\_\_l t\_\_r\_\_c\_\_mp\_\_n\_\_s t\_\_cr\_\_t\_\_r\_\_l\_\_s \_\_f c\_\_nd\_\_ct\_\_f\_\_r  
t\_\_r\_\_sts. Th\_\_r\_\_l\_\_s \_\_ncl\_\_d\_\_n\_\_t ph\_\_t\_\_gr\_\_ph\_\_ng  
r\_\_s\_\_d\_\_nts w\_\_th\_\_t p\_\_rm\_\_ss\_\_n, n\_\_t str\_\_ll\_\_ng \_\_nt\_\_  
th\_\_r\_\_g\_\_rd\_\_ns \_\_nd n\_\_t dr\_\_pp\_\_ng l\_\_tt\_\_r. Th\_\_n\_\_w\_\_c\_\_d\_\_  
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p\_\_p\_\_l\_\_r\_\_ty \_\_f th\_\_r\_\_g\_\_n. T\_\_r\_\_sm\_\_s b\_\_m\_\_ng \_\_nd th\_\_  
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\_\_n th\_\_n\_\_xt d\_\_c\_\_d\_\_.

\_\_ld H\_\_ll\_\_nd \_\_s \_\_n \_\_dyll\_\_c\_\_r\_\_ th\_\_t m\_\_tch\_\_s p\_\_pl\_\_'s  
\_\_m\_\_g\_\_ \_\_f D\_\_tch l\_\_f\_\_fr\_\_m \_\_sl\_\_w\_\_r, byg\_\_n\_\_g\_\_. Th\_\_r\_\_  
\_\_r\_\_ w\_\_ndm\_\_lls \_\_v\_\_rywh\_\_r\_\_ \_\_nd l\_\_c\_\_ls l\_\_v\_\_ \_\_n  
b\_\_t\_\_f\_\_lly pr\_\_s\_\_rv\_\_d, tr\_\_d\_\_t\_\_n\_\_l w\_\_d\_\_n h\_\_s\_\_s.  
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th\_\_t h\_\_s\_\_, th\_\_t \_\_s\_\_n\_\_t pl\_\_s\_\_nt, \_\_f c\_\_rs\_\_." H\_\_s\_\_d\_\_  
th\_\_b\_\_sl\_\_ds \_\_f t\_\_r\_\_sts w\_\_r\_\_th\_\_b\_\_gg\_\_st n\_\_s\_\_nc\_\_.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# 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 'Old Holland'. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. TOURISM:** Make a poster about tourism. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. RULES:** Write a magazine article about tourists having to follow the rules of conduct in a town. 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 tourism. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to boost tourism in your town. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b F    c F    d T    e F    f T    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. leisurely  | a. relaxed      |
| 2. thrill     | b. excitement   |
| 3. disturbing | c. interrupting |
| 4. permission | d. say-so       |
| 5. booming    | e. mushrooming  |
| 6. idyllic    | f. picturesque  |
| 7. preserved  | g. maintained   |
| 8. resident   | h. local        |
| 9. real       | i. authentic    |
| 10. nuisance  | j. annoyance    |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A thrill
2. Megaphones
3. Take photos of residents
4. Tourism
5. In the next decade
6. Idyllic
7. Wood
8. Nine
9. The wooden houses
10. Busloads of tourists

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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