

1. **TOURISM:** Complete this table with your partners and share what you wrote.

	What is it?	How much I would like it	Why?
Ecotourism			
Space tourism			
Medical tourism			
Educational tourism			
Sports tourism			
Sustainable tourism			

2. **SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article/listening.

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| 1. cite | a. interfering with |
| 2. pristine | b. thorough |
| 3. disrupting | c. gathered |
| 4. problems | d. more confident |
| 5. congregated | e. imperil |
| 6. bolder | f. refer to |
| 7. endanger | g. exact |
| 8. cautious | h. difficulties |
| 9. comprehensive | i. unspoilt |
| 10. precise | j. wary |

3. Ecotourism a danger to wildlife (listening)

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1510/151014-ecotourism-l.html>

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What adjective did the article use to say ecotourism was doing well?
2. How many people visit pristine natural areas every year?

3. What is 'Trends in Ecology and Evolution'?
4. In which country did the article say turtles were laying eggs?
5. What did people gather to watch?
6. What did the article say ecotourism is doing to animals' confidence?
7. What kind of presence makes the animals tamer?
8. What might the animals encounter that could put them at risk?
9. What did the article say animals let down when they are near humans?
10. What does the last sentence say human exposure does to animals?

GAP FILL

Ecotourism is a booming business that many tours (1) _____ cite as being helpful to nature. Every year, millions of people descend on protected and (2) _____ natural areas to observe rare species. However, a new report casts (3) _____ on the value of this form of tourism. In fact, it (4) _____ that ecotourism is more damaging than helpful to nature. Details are in a report (5) _____ in the journal 'Trends in Ecology and Evolution'. Researchers believe tourists are (6) _____ animals in their natural habitat. They pointed to a recent event where sea turtles in Costa Rica had problems laying their eggs because of the (7) _____ of tourists who had congregated to watch the turtles' nesting (8) _____.

The report says that ecotourism is making animals (9) _____ and that this could (10) _____ the animals. A regular human presence might make animals tamer and less (11) _____ about other animals around them, and this could put them at risk of being attacked by their natural threats. "Then they will suffer higher (12) _____ when they encounter real (13) _____," the report says. It added: "When animals (14) _____ in 'benign' ways with humans, they may let down their guard." The report said it was essential, "to develop a more (15) _____ understanding of how different species in different situations respond to human visitation and under what precise conditions human (16) _____ might put them at risk."

4. ECOTOURISM discussion questions:

1. What do you think of ecotourism?
2. What are the problems of ecotourism?
3. Should we leave animals alone in their natural habitat?

4. Where would you like to go as an ecotourist, and why?
5. Should people be fined if they interrupt animals in the wild?
6. What animals would you most like to see in the wild?
7. What are the benefits of ecotourism?
8. What problems are there if animals become tamer?
9. How can we respect animals more?
10. How can we best help animals in the wild?

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