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# Unit 10: Ecotourism

## A reading passage

### **Eco-Tourism: A Sustainable Way to Explore the World**

Eco-tourism is a growing travel trend that focuses on exploring natural environments in a way that supports conservation efforts and benefits local communities. Unlike traditional tourism, which can sometimes harm the environment and local cultures, eco-tourism encourages responsible travel that minimizes negative impacts.

One of the core principles of eco-tourism is sustainability. This means that eco-tourists aim to preserve natural resources, protect wildlife, and reduce pollution. Activities such as hiking, bird watching, and visiting national parks are popular among eco-tourists because they allow travelers to appreciate nature without damaging it. Moreover, eco-tourism often involves staying in eco-friendly accommodations that use renewable energy sources, recycle waste, and practice water conservation.

Another key aspect of eco-tourism is its focus on supporting local communities. Many eco-tourism destinations are in remote or rural areas where tourism can provide jobs and improve the economy. By choosing eco-friendly tours and accommodations, travelers help create a sustainable income for local families while also preserving their culture and traditions.

Eco-tourism is more than just an adventure—it's a way to connect with the planet and help protect it. It encourages travelers to be mindful of their impact, promoting a balance between exploration and conservation. As more people embrace eco-tourism, we can hope to see a future where travel benefits both the environment and the communities that depend on it.

## Task 1: Match the words with definitions

A. The act of protecting and preserving the natural environment and its resources.

1. Eco-tourism

B. A type of tourism focused on visiting natural areas in a way that supports the environment and local communities.

2. Sustainability

C. The process of making sure that resources are used in a way that does not harm future generations.

3. Conservation

D. A place where people stay when they travel, such as a hotel, lodge, or camp.

4. Accommodation

E. The introduction of harmful substances or products into the environment, causing damage to the earth, air, or water.

5. Pollution

## Task 2: Decide if the statements are true or false

True    False

1. Eco-tourism focuses on minimizing negative environmental and cultural impacts.

    

2. Traditional tourism is always beneficial for local communities and the environment.

    

3. Eco-tourists often stay in accommodations that prioritize sustainability, such as using renewable energy.

    

4. Eco-tourism only benefits tourists and has no impact on local communities.

    

5. Hiking and birdwatching are examples of eco-tourism activities that promote conservation.

### **Task 3: Choose the best answer for these questions**

#### **1. What is the main goal of eco-tourism?**

- a) To visit as many places as possible
- b) To explore nature while supporting conservation and local communities
- c) To travel in luxury with minimal effort
- d) To avoid interacting with local cultures

#### **2. Which of the following is NOT a principle of eco-tourism?**

- a) Supporting local communities
- b) Protecting wildlife
- c) Increasing pollution
- d) Using eco-friendly accommodations

#### **3. Why is eco-tourism important for local communities?**

- a) It creates jobs and supports the local economy
- b) It replaces traditional cultures with modern lifestyles
- c) It discourages interactions between locals and tourists
- d) It focuses only on wildlife protection

**4. Which of these activities aligns with eco-tourism principles?**

- a) Hunting endangered animals
- b) Staying in eco-friendly lodges
- c) Leaving trash in national parks
- d) Using single-use plastics frequently

**5. How can travelers practice eco-tourism?**

- a) By using sustainable transportation and reducing waste
- b) By ignoring local customs and traditions
- c) By choosing mass tourism packages
- d) By avoiding national parks and natural areas