

TURISM

Study the following expressions first:

1. **Tourism:** the travel business
2. **Abroad:** to another country
3. **Better off:** in an improved condition or situation
4. **On your own:** alone; without help

Read these questions before you hear the recording. Then listen to the recording and answer the questions:

1. According to Chuck, what do tour companies tell us we can learn from traveling?

2. Why does Chuck think his friends were fortunate?

3. What happened to the other members of the tour group?

4. What reasons does Chuck give for people not going out on their own?

5. In his opinion, what would happen if tourists mixed more with local people?

RETELLING

State the ideas in the monolog in your own words. You can use the phrases below as a guide.

According to Chuck, tourism is really a big business. It involves _____

_____ Tour companies tell us _____

Chuck's friend went _____

with a tour group. Fortunately, _____

Other members of the tour group, however, _____

Chuck says he understands why _____

But he thinks _____

FILLING IN

Listen to the recording and fill in the blanks.

Boy, tourism is really a big business these days. It's amazing. It involves (1) _____ transportation, restaurants, shops, thousands (2) _____ people. The tour companies (3) _____ telling us what a (4) _____ thing it is ... about (5) _____ much we can learn (6) _____ people and customs, but (7) _____ I wonder if this (8) _____ really true.

Uh, a couple (9) _____ I know went abroad, uh, (10) _____ summer. They traveled with (11) _____ tour group. It's interesting (12) _____ compare their experiences with (13) _____ of the experiences of (14) _____ people in the same (15) _____ group. Uh, my friends, fortunately (16) _____ some ... some acquaintances, or (17) _____, actually, along the route (18) _____ their tour. In some (19) _____ the cities they were (20) _____ they knew some of (21) _____ ... they knew some local (22) _____. Uh, so that when they (23) _____ to different places, uh, they (24) _____ go out with some (25) _____ the local people and (26) _____ could eat some of (27) _____ local food and maybe (28) _____ some of the local (29) _____.

Uh, other members of the (30) _____ group, however, never got (31) _____ of the group at (32) _____. Uh, they ... they never went (33) _____ and did a thing (34) _____ their own. Uh, of course (35) _____ tour company leaves it (36) _____ much up to the ... (37) _____ to whatever they (38) _____.

Uh, I understand why people (39) _____ go out on their (40) _____ because of language problems (41) _____ being a little bit (42) _____. But it seems to (43) _____ that, uh, the more tourists (44) _____ mix with local people, uh, (45) _____ better off everyone is. (46) _____ tour companies emphasized that (47) _____ really would learn about (48) _____ people and other customs.