

# Travel

1 Look at the following sentences and decide if they are true or false. If they are false, explain why.

1. A **travel agency** is the same as a **tour operator**. True / False
2. A **package tour** is a holiday in which the price includes flights, transfers to and from the airport and accommodation. True / False
3. An **all-inclusive** holiday is a holiday in which the price includes flights, transfers, accommodation, food and drink. True / False
4. When passengers **embark**, they get *off* an aeroplane or ship. True / False
5. When passengers **disembark**, they get *on* an aeroplane or ship. True / False
6. The first thing you do when you go to an airport is go to the **check-in**. True / False
7. The first thing you do when you arrive at your hotel is **check in**. True / False
8. The opposite of a **package tourist** is an **independent traveller**. True / False
9. **Mass tourism** can have a negative effect on the environment. True / False
10. **Ecotourism** is tourism which has a negative effect on the environment. True / False
11. The words **trip**, **excursion**, **journey** and **voyage** all have the same meaning. True / False
12. It is always necessary to have a **visa** when you visit a different country. True / False
13. A flight from London to Paris could be described as a **long-haul** flight. True / False
14. Flying **economy class** is more expensive than flying **business class**. True / False
15. A Canadian citizen flying from Toronto to Vancouver will have to fill in an **immigration card** before she arrives. True / False
16. **Cultural tourism** is the same as **sustainable tourism**. True / False
17. The **peak season** is the time of the year when many people are taking their holiday. True / False
18. A **cruise** is a holiday where you go somewhere (usually Africa) to watch and take photographs of wild animals True / False
19. An **armchair traveller** is someone who books holidays and flights on the Internet. True / False
20. A **tourist trap** is a place that is visited by many tourists and is therefore crowded and expensive. True / False

2 Complete the sentences with a suitable word or phrase from the box.

border controls   culture shock   deported   economic migrants  
emigration   expatriates   immigration   internally displaced  
persona non grata   refugees   repatriated   UNHCR

1. At the beginning of the war, thousands of ..... fled over the border to the next country.
2. Since the civil war began, almost a million people have been forced to move to another part of the country. These ..... persons are now without food or shelter.
3. Nineteenth-century governments encouraged ..... to the colonies.
4. The government is encouraging ..... because of the shortage of workers in key industries.
5. Moving from a large European city to the small village in the Himalayas was something of a .....
6. Thousands of British ..... live in the Gulf States, where many of them have high-powered jobs.

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7. The ..... is under a lot of pressure owing to the huge number of displaced persons around the world.
8. He was ..... from the country when his visa expired.
9. Because he had a criminal record, the government didn't want him to enter the country, declared him ..... and asked him to leave immediately.
10. After the economy collapsed in the east, thousands of ..... headed west in the hope of finding a good job.
11. People who are caught trying to enter the country illegally are usually held in a detention centre before being .....
12. .... were tightened in order to reduce the number of people illegally entering the country.

**3 Now look at this essay and complete the gaps with one of the words or phrases from Exercises 1 and 2. In some cases, more than one answer may be possible. You will need to change the form of some of the words.**

## *'Travel: the other side of the coin'*

Most of us have, at some point in our lives, experienced the joys of travel. We go to a 1..... to pick up some brochures, or look on the Internet for a cheap holiday deal. We book a two-week 2..... with flights and accommodation included (or if we are 3....., we make our own way to the country and travel around from place to place with a rucksack on our back). We make sure we have all the right currency, our passport and any 4..... that are necessary to get us into the country. We go to the airport and 5..... . We strap ourselves into our tiny 6..... aircraft seats and a few hours later we 7..... from the aircraft, strange new sights, smells and sounds greeting us. Nowadays, it seems, the whole world goes on holiday at once: the age of 8..... is in full swing!

But for the great majority of people around the world, travel for them is done in the face of great adversity and hardship. They never get to indulge in an 9..... holiday in a luxury hotel with all meals and drinks included. They never get to explore the lush Amazon Rain Forest or the frozen wastes of the Arctic on an 10..... holiday. For them, travel is a matter of life and death. I refer, of course, to all the 11..... escaping from their own countries, or the 12....., moved from one part of their country to another by an uncaring government, or 13..... forced to find a job and seek a living wherever they can.

Can you imagine anything worse than the misery these people must face? Let's not confuse them with those 14..... who choose to live in another country and often have nice houses and high salaries. These people are simply desperate to survive. As well as losing their homes because of war or famine or other natural disasters, they must come to terms with their new environment: for many, the 15..... can be too great. And while many countries with an open policy on 16..... will welcome them in with open arms, others will simply turn them away. These people become 17....., unwanted and unwelcome. Even if they manage to get into a country, they will often be 18..... or repatriated. Their future is uncertain.

Something to think about, perhaps, the next time you are 19..... to your five-star hotel by a palm-fringed beach or sitting in a coach on an 20..... to a pretty castle in the countryside.