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6. All citizens would agree that after gentrification destinations like ... and ... are the same in prices, activities, and the kind of people you see there.
7. Travel destinations like .... and .... have turned into gentrified areas.
8. There should be more ... to allow all people access to tourist destinations, so they are not seen as privileged who those who can afford them.

## Vocabulary

1. sightseeing	a. a person who lives in a particular area
2. nightlife	b. a place, for example a store or a night club, which sells expensive goods or services to tourists
3. a tourist trap	c. entertainment and social activities which happen in the evening
4. a local	d. in very bad condition, needs to be repaired or rebuilt
5. run-down	e. the level of material comfort that people have in a particular society
6. the tourist trade	f. the tourism business or industry
7. standard of living	g. visiting interesting places, especially when you are on vacation



Alice, Simon, and George visit a historical European town which has become very popular with visitors in the past few years. Read the sentences below about the positive and negative effects of the recent tourism explosion and then listen to the opinions of the three visitors, putting 'A' (Alice), 'S' (Simon), or 'G' (George) next to each sentence.

1. Local business has benefited. S
2. Unemployment is lower and the standard of living has improved. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The infrastructure and transportation system still need a lot of work. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The nightlife attracts tourists who drink too much and behave badly. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The local government is able to maintain and restore old buildings. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The new hotels look awful. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Tourist traps, fast food restaurants, hotels, & shops have ruined the character of the town. \_\_\_\_\_

Listen one more  
time, tick the  
expressions you  
hear

#### ASKING FOR AN OPINION

- What do you think?
- What's your opinion about ...?

#### GIVING AN OPINION

- I think ...
- In my opinion,
- I feel ...
- I would say ...

#### GIVING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- On top of that,
- What's more,

#### INTRODUCING A CONTRAST

- However,
- But on the other hand,

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#### PARTIALLY AGREEING

- That may be true, but ...
- You could be right, but ...
- You're right up to a point, but ...

#### DISAGREEING

- I disagree.
- I'm not sure about that, to be honest.
- You must be joking!
- Come on!

Sometimes it is more polite to disagree 'tentatively' with someone else's opinion, even if you do not agree at all.

Put +++ (strong disagreement), ++ (disagreement) or + (tentative disagreement) next to each expression of disagreement.

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Use the expressions from the list to agree or disagree with the comments.

1. Provides employment opportunities
2. Improves an infrastructure, facilities and services (sewage system)
3. Creates a favorite image of the country
4. Provides recreational facilities for residents as well as tourists
5. Facilitates the process of modernization
6. Provides educational opportunities
7. Preserves cultural heritage

1. Causes inflation of land value
2. Increases demand for local products, raising the price of food and other products
3. Results in seasonal employability
4. Creates resentment and antagonism related to dramatic differences in wealth
5. Causes overcrowding, congestion, and traffic jams
6. Invites moral degradation resulting in increased crime, prostitution, and drug trafficking

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