

Watch the trailer for *Nomadland*. It is a film that depicts the lives of real-life, modern-day nomads.

How are nomads described in this trailer?

What is the distinction between being 'homeless' and being 'houseless'? What is the major difference between these two ideas?

Based on this trailer, does the reality of nomadic life look like a life of leisure or a challenging life?

Match the words and phrases to the corresponding words with the closest meaning:

impulsive

explosion

transformative

unstable

precious

wanderlust

monotonous

curiosity

freedom

wonder

treasured

life-changing

precarious

humdrum

itchy feet

liberty

blowup

whimsical



Now read the following article and fill in the gaps using the vocabulary below:

cultural shocks / explosion / impulsive / minimalism / unstable / personal finances
transformative / precious / wanderlust / perspective

Here are four main reasons why choosing to live in a nomadic way isn't simply an _____ and foolish decision but one that will give you a new _____ on life.

1) Awareness of time

Waking up in a new location every day may seem daunting, _____, and hectic. However, seeing new places, new styles of living and consciously choosing where you stay gives you a new feeling for time and allows you to truly make the most of it. Time is a limited resource and our most _____ resource.

2) Shaking up your routine can drastically change the trajectory of your life

Travel can be _____. Exploring new cultures, confronting _____ and following your own curiosity truly allows you to get the most out of life and to have an increased understanding of the different ways of life around the planet.

3) It can help free you from unnecessary possessions

_____ is the practice of living with few physical possessions and only living with those that you need and add value to your life. Travel can give you a new perspective on what things you do and don't value. Instead of measuring their happiness based on _____, people can shift to focus on experiences. _____

4) It has never been easier to become nomadic

With the sudden _____ of remote jobs and technological advances in business, being nomadic need not be a pipe dream, but can now be a reality for people. People can now listen to their _____ and work remotely whilst traveling by finding a digital and remote job. New digital nomad communities are emerging all over the planet, from Thailand to Europe.

There are a lot of cons to a nomadic lifestyle.

Read these cons and rank them in order of importance for you, 1 being the greatest con and 10 being the least important.

- Frequently missing significant events and social rituals such as weddings, funerals, and birthdays.
- Relationships grow apart and become less strong with distance and time.
- Weaker social circles and support systems such as family and friends.
- A lack of home comforts such as nice furniture and a cozy bed.
- Dealing with bureaucracy such as visas and taxes can be complicated without a stable address.
- It's significantly harder to host parties and have friends and family visit.