

**What are some of the challenges that the environment faces because of tourism?**

**Take note of the expressions**

**Student A:** In Guatemala, tourism has grown rapidly, but it's causing significant environmental damage. One major issue is the pressure on water resources in areas like Antigua.

**Student B:** Could you clarify one point for me? Are you suggesting that tourism directly affects water use in places like Antigua?

**Student A:** Yes, exactly. Hotels and restaurants often consume more water than local residents.

**Student B:** If I understood you correctly, you're saying that tourism can worsen water shortages in Guatemala?

**Student A:** That's right. Plus, the development of resorts near Lake Atitlán threatens local ecosystems.

**Student B:** What are your views on the waste generated by tourists in popular areas?

**Student A:** It's a big problem. Overcrowded sites like Tikal struggle to manage waste, leading to pollution in natural areas.

**Student B:** What do you mean by "overcrowded destinations"? Is it just the number of tourists?

**Student A:** Yes, when tourist numbers exceed what the local infrastructure can handle, the environment suffers.

**Student B:** Are you suggesting that reducing tourist numbers could help with these challenges in Guatemala?

**Student A:** Yes, but we also need to implement sustainable practices to protect our natural resources.

## Impact of tourism in Guatemala

**Resource Depletion:** "Tourism in Guatemala often leads to the over-extraction of water resources, particularly in popular areas like Antigua, where local residents struggle to access clean water."

**Environmental Degradation:** "The development of hotels and resorts around Lake Atitlán threatens local ecosystems, resulting in habitat loss for wildlife and increased pollution."

**Cultural Erosion:** "As tourism grows, traditional customs and practices in indigenous communities are often overshadowed or commercialized, leading to a loss of cultural identity."

**Waste Management Issues:** "Popular tourist destinations, such as Tikal, face significant challenges in managing the waste generated by visitors, contributing to pollution and environmental degradation."

**Overcrowding:** "The influx of tourists in areas like Chichicastenango can overwhelm local infrastructure, causing overcrowding that diminishes the experience for both visitors and residents."

- Asking for more information

How has tourism impacted some things in our country?  
How could we avoid it? Give an example for them.

**A:**

*Natural landscapes*

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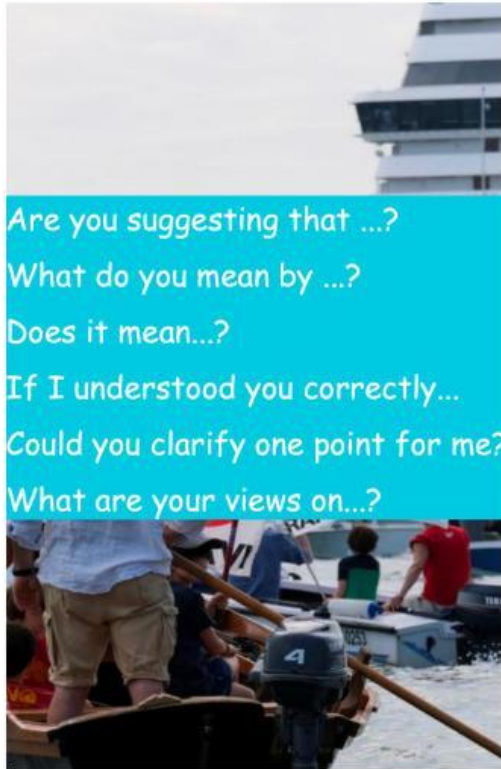
*Overcrowded places*

**A:**

*Gentrification*

**A:**

*Traditions / trends*



Are you suggesting that ...?

What do you mean by ...?

Does it mean...?

If I understood you correctly...

Could you clarify one point for me?

What are your views on...?

1. How important is tourism to the country?
2. What things could we modify to promote green and responsible tourism?
3. What are the good and bad things about tourism in the country?
4. Who gets the most benefits with tourism: local communities or big companies?
5. What do you think of the idea of green tourism? (Places where communities are in charge of all the management of the attractions, and all the incomes belong to the community and part of it is used for the attraction maintenance).
6. How has tourism become one of the biggest sources of contamination ?
7. What is ethical tourism?
8. What factors affect the image that people or locals have about tourists?
9. - In many areas of Latin America they are seen as incomes, but other places as Europe then are not welcome.
10. How has tourism change in the last years? Is it more ethical than before?
11. Is the country a good ambassador for tourism? For example Costa Rica, Chile and other countries promote laws to preserve their natural resources and encourage the culture of responsible tourism in locals and tourists .

