ACTIVITY 1: DISCUSSION

Discuss the questions with your classmates.

1. What kind of holidays do you enjoy?
2. What do people you know usually do on their holidays?
3. Which places in your country are popular with tourists?
4. What are the positive and negative sides of tourism?
5. How important is it to preserve old buildings?



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ACTIVITY 2: RESEARCH

Go **online** and **complete** the chart with the **missing information**

Name:	Type of place:	Location:	What can you do here?
Grand Bazaar	Market	Istanbul, Turkey	Buy souvenirs and spices.
Masjid- Al Haram			
Chateau de Chambord			
	Cathedral	Barcelona, Spain	
Tate Modern			
Christ The Redeemer			
Wat Arun		Bangkok, Thailand.	

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ACTIVITY 4: COMPLETE THE TEXT

Complete this with the previous concepts:

(a).... the tourist trade.

(b)...nightlife.

(c)...standard of living

(d)...a local.

(e)... sightseeing.

(f)...run down.

(g)...a tourist trap.

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Alice: But on the other hand, the money that tourists spend helps the local government to maintain and restore the old buildings. Just a few years ago, many of these buildings looked very _____, so tourism has really helped there. On top of that, the streets are definitely cleaner and safer than before.

Simon: That may be true, but I feel the town has lost its character a bit. I mean, there are plenty of places to go _____, but for me it has been ruined by all the_____, fast food restaurants, hotels, and souvenir shops.

George: Simon I'm not sure about that, to be honest. I would say the character of the place has improved as a result of tourism. The _____ is excellent. In the center there's such a variety of unique bars and cafes.

Simon: Well, you could be right, but many of those bars attract the kind of noisy tourist who drinks too much and behaves badly. It's not always easy to find a place where you can simply relax with your friends and have a quiet drink.

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ACTIVITY 5: READING COMPREHENSION

Read the conversation again and write (S) for **Simon**, (A) for **Alice** and (G) for **George**.

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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 can maintain and restore old buildings. ___
6. The new hotels look awful. ___
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