

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?



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.	

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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George: In my opinion, tourism has had a positive impact. But I think that the town's infrastructure and transportation system still need a lot of work.

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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.

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. _____
7. Tourist traps, fast food restaurants, hotels, & shops have ruined the character of the town. _____

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