English Language | Unit 3: Far and Away

# Reading Comprehension Worksheet

## Read the passage carefully.

### Ecotourism: Travel and Protect Nature

Ecotourism means traveling to natural places while helping the environment. Tourists often visit **remote** places far from big cities. They enjoy **pristine** beaches and **lush** green forests. Ecotourism helps **preserve** nature and protect animals. Water **conservation** is also important because it helps save water. One of the main **characteristics** of ecotourism is caring for the environment. It also gives local people an **incentive** to protect nature because they can earn money from tourism. In the past, **deforestation** was a big problem in Costa Rica because many trees were cut down. However, ecotourism helped the country achieve a **reduction** in deforestation. Today, many tourists visit Costa Rica to enjoy its beautiful nature and help protect it.

## Choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D).

**1. What is the main idea of the passage?**

A. Traveling to big cities
B. Traveling while protecting nature
C. Building new hotels
D. Cutting down trees

**2. Where do ecotourists often travel?**

A. Shopping malls
B. Large factories
C. Remote natural places
D. Crowded cities

**3. What does "pristine" mean in the passage?**

A. Clean and unspoiled
B. Dirty and crowded
C. Old and broken
D. Noisy and busy

**4. What does "lush" describe in the passage?**

A. Dry deserts
B. Tall buildings
C. Busy roads
D. Green forests

**5. Why is water conservation important?**

A. It wastes water
B. It saves water
C. It cuts down trees
D. It builds hotels

**6. How does ecotourism encourage local people to protect nature?**

A. It closes all hotels
B. It cuts down trees
C. It helps them earn money
D. It builds factories

**7. What was a big environmental problem in Costa Rica?**

A. Deforestation
B. Heavy snow
C. Airplane delays
D. Too many deserts

**8. What happened to deforestation in Costa Rica?**

A. It increased
B. It stayed the same
C. It became a tourist activity
D. It was reduced

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