

UNIT 1:TRAVEL AND WORLD TOURISM

Lesson type: Speaking
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LEARNING CONTEXT

In order to prepare a debate that is going to take place on the occasion of the World Environment Day, you are having a debate with your classmates on the preservation of nature.

LESSON CONTENT

TEXT: Ecotourism: what on Earth is it?

Language function	Structure / grammar	Vocabulary
Describing /defining notions and concepts	It is- means- supports	Travel- Tourism- Ecotourism- wildlife- ecology- sustainable-location-a tour-fun-indigenous people

A- BRAINSTORMING

Answer the questions below.

1- How can you spend the holidays?
2- For what reasons can you visit a town / country?
3- What do you call people who generally travel to visit different countries?
4- Do they always go to big cities? Why (not)?
5- Why do you think some tourists sometimes go to remote places?
6- What can they observe there?
7- Has nature always been the same?
8- What can happen if we don't take care of it?
9- How can tourists organize their trips?

B- VOCABULARY

- **To travel** is the fact of moving from a place to another for one's purpose.
- **Tourism** is the fact of travelling to visit different places for leisure and / or discovery.
- **Ecotourism** is tourism done with the objective of preserving nature.
- **Ecology** is the way in which plants, animals, and people are related to each other and to their environment, or the scientific study of this.
- **Wildlife** = world of plants and animals in nature
- **Sustainable** (adj) = durable, long in time
- **A location** is a place, a site or an area.
- **A tour** is a journey planned to visit different sites (as tourist).
- **Fun** = enjoyment / distraction
- **Indigenous people** are local or native population of an area.
- S**ustainable =** durable

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C- LANGUAGE FUNCTION

Describing / defining concepts or notions

To describe or define concepts or notions, we can use the present simple tense

Example: Ecotourism **is** tourism which preserves nature.

COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY

On the occasion of the World Environment Day, your English club organizes a debate on nature preservation. You have to take the floor for a presentation on this topic.

Give your presentation in which you:

- Say what ecotourism is;
- Give the advantages of ecotourism;
- Encourage people to preserve nature.

EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Match each word from column A with its meaning or definition in column B.
Example: 1-c

Column A	Column B
1- Ecology	a-That can last long
2- Travel	b-Organized trip to visit different places.
3- Wildlife	c- Nature in general
4- Tourism	d-Go from a town/country to another
5- Sustainable	e- Animals and plants in nature
6- Tour	f- Business of organizing trips for people during the holidays.

Exercise 2: Give correct sentences to define the words in column A of exercise 1.

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