



UNIT 1: TRAVEL AND WORLD TOURISM

Lesson type: Speaking

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LEAD-IN

Answer the questions below.

- 1- What are the reasons why you can visit a town / country?
- 2- What do you call people who generally travel to visit different countries?
- 3- Do they always go to big cities? Why (not)?
- 4- What do you call this kind of tourism?

LEARNING CONTEXT

In order to prepare for a conference that is going to take place on the occasion of the World Environment Day, you are having a talk 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- 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
- **A location** is a place, a site or an area.
- **A tour** is a journey planned to visit different sites (as a tourist).
- **Fun** = enjoyment
- **Indigenous people** are local or native population of an area.

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.

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

Example: 1-c

Column A

- 1- Ecology
- 2- Travel
- 3- Wildlife
- 4- Tourism
- 5- Sustainable
- 6- Tour

Column B

- a-That can last long
- b-Organized trip to visit different places.
- c- Nature in general
- d-Go from a town/country to another
- e- Animals and plants in nature
- f- Business of organizing trips for people during the holidays.

Exercise 2: Give correct sentences to define the words in column A in exercise 1. Follow the example: Ecology *means* nature in general

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COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY

On the occasion of the World Environment Day, the English club of your school organizes a conference on nature preservation. As the chairman of the Club, you have to take the floor for a presentation on the topic of nature preservation.

Give your presentation in which you:

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

HOMEWORK *Discuss ecotourism in your country, or in the area where you live. Identify an example of ecotourism and discuss it, using the ideas below. Report back to the rest of the class.*

1. Identify the origins of these tourists
2. Cite the people who benefit from this tourism and explain how they benefit.
3. Say if this tourism is sustainable or not

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1510/151014-ecotourism.html>