

A Listening Practice

Pre-Listening



Task 1

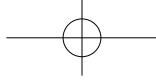


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Tourism, a “smokeless industry”, is “travel to and stay in places outside their usual environment for more than twenty-four hours and not more than one year for leisure, business and other purposes.” Despite the 2008 global recession, tourism is developing rapidly all over the world. According to the United Nations World Tourism Organisation the international tourist arrivals during the first four months of 2008 followed a similar growth trend as the same period in 2007.

Tourism is vital for many countries due to the large intake of money for the business and service industries associated with tourism. These service industries include transportation industry such as airlines, cruise ships and taxis, accommodation and food industry such as hotels and resorts, and entertainment industry such as amusement parks, shopping malls, sports, museums and theatres.

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**Task 2***Script*

In 2007, the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) released that there were over 900 million international tourist arrivals. The top 10 countries where most tourists visited are:

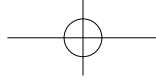
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| 1. France | 6. United Kingdom |
| 2. Spain | 7. Germany |
| 3. United States of America | 8. Ukraine |
| 4. China | 9. Turkey |
| 5. Italy | 10. Mexico |

The World Tourism Organisation reports the following countries as the top ten tourism earners for the year 2007.

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| 1. United States of America | 6. United Kingdom |
| 2. Spain | 7. Germany |
| 3. France | 8. Australia |
| 4. Italy | 9. Austria |
| 5. China | 10. Turkey |

Key

Countries	Ranks in International Tourist Arrivals	Ranks in International Tourism Receipts
Italy	5	4
France	1	3
China	4	5
USA	3	1
UK	6	6
Spain	2	2
Germany	7	7
Mexico	10	—
Ukraine	8	—
Turkey	9	10
Austria	—	9
Australia	—	8



Core Listening



Task 1



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1. It was built by the ancient Chinese people to defend themselves against enemies. It stretches along mountains and deserts. It is one of the great wonders of the world.
2. It was designed by a French engineer named Eiffel. It was built for the 1889 International Exposition. If you take an elevator to the top, you can have a great view of Paris.
3. It was designed and built in France. Later it was sent as a gift to America from the people of France. It was opened in 1886. It is the tallest statue in the United States.
4. It is Japan's highest mountain and Japanese people regarded it as "sacred mountain". It is located to the west of Tokyo, with an area of 90.76 square kilometres and a height of 3,776 metres above sea level.
5. It is the world's largest coral reef system, composed of about 3,000 individual reefs and 900 islands. The reef is located in the Coral Sea, off the coast of Queensland in northeast Australia. It can be seen from outer space.

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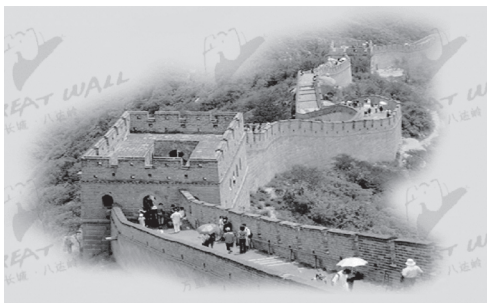
Fuji Mountain (4)



The Great Coral Reef (5)



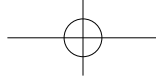
The Eiffel Tower (2)



The Great Wall (1)



The Statue of Liberty (3)

**Task 2***Script***1. Emily**

A: So, what are you planning to do for your holiday, Emily?

Emily: Oh, this year I'm going to find a part-time job and save enough money to visit Beijing.

A: Good for you. I'm sure you'd enjoy the Forbidden City. It's not far from Tian'anmen Square.

Emily: Good idea. I'd like to know something about history. I think I will also see the Temple of Heaven. It's one of the best religious buildings in China.

2. Jessica

A: Jessica, do you have anything planned for this summer?

Jessica: Well, I like shopping and trying new food. I think I will enjoy Hong Kong.

A: In that case, Hong Kong is a good choice. There are so many big shopping malls in Tsim Sha Tsui and on Hong Kong Island.

Bob: Can you recommend any restaurants there?

A: There are some good restaurants around Lan Kwai Fong. And after dinner you can go to the bars and enjoy the night life there.

Jessica: Wonderful. I will go there.

3. Bob

A: Bob, what are your plans for the summer?

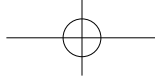
Bob: Well, I'm going to Japan. I would like to go skiing there and soak in the hot springs.

A: You should also try Japanese food, especially sashimi and sushi, which are raw fish and rice wrapped in seaweed.

Bob: That's a good idea. Trying special local food is really an exciting thing when you are taking a trip.

Key

Who	Emily	Jessica	Bob
Who is going to find a part-time job?	✓		
Who is going to learn about history?	✓		
Who is going shopping?		✓	
Who is going to try local food?		✓	✓
Who is going skiing and to enjoy hot springs?			✓

**Task 3***Script*

Clerk: Good morning, can I help you?

Guest: Well, we want to ask about the neighbourhood.

Clerk: Sure. What places do you want to know about?

Guest: Well, first of all, we want to find a café. Is there a café near here?

Clerk: Yes. There is a Sunny Café about 100 metres from here. Right across from the Central Post Office.

Guest: The Central Post Office on First Street?

Clerk: Yes, that's it.

Guest: Is the Sunny Café a nice place?

Clerk: Yes, I think so. The food is great, and there is a good band playing live music every night. You can also find something interesting in the café—like Michael Jackson's red jacket.

Guest: Wonderful! And we are looking for National Museum. How far is it?

Clerk: Well, it's near City Hall.

Guest: Oh, City Hall. OK. I know where it is now. And is it worth visiting?

Clerk: Actually, there is not much to see in the museum. It's actually for kids.

Guest: Oh no, maybe we will go to other places. And the last question—is there a craft market in the city?

Clerk: Yes, there is a pretty good one. It's in the park next to the subway station, just 10 minutes from here.

Guest: Is there anything special in the market?

Clerk: Yes, you can find a lot of interesting things from earrings to antique watches there. You should definitely visit the craft market.

Guest: Thanks. You are really very helpful.

Clerk: You are welcome. Have a good day.

Key

Place	Location	Interesting?	
		Yes	No
Sunny Café	Right across from the Central Post Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Museum	Near City Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Craft market	In the park next to the subway station	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Task 4***Script*

David: Spring is in the air and people are thinking about their summer holidays. Hi, I'm David and welcome to our radio programme "I Like Travelling".

Sally: Last time in our programme we introduced inbound tour and outbound tour, which refer to travel of foreign tourists in our country and travel of domestic tourists in other countries.

David: That's right. We'll talk to two people and find out what types of tour they like best.

Sally: Tom is crazy about traveling and he talks about one type of tour he enjoys most.

Tom: Well, these years I've been on all types of tours—package tours, independent tours, eco-tours, vacation tours, historical and cultural tours. But actually I found independent tours are the most interesting. It gives you such great freedom to move around a different country and experience unique, beautiful and exciting adventure that you will never have in package tours. Last summer I backpacked around Europe and that is a wonderful experience.

David: Did you get it? Tom said that the best type of holiday for him is an independent tour.

Sally: Yeah, but different people have different preferences. Listen to Michael.

Michael: Well, I enjoy package tours the most. The travel agency will come up with a careful plan of the arrangement of time, travel route and accommodation, which enables people to have a happy and comfortable tour. Moreover, in many cases people are safer because they are traveling with a large group of people under the help of the tourist guide. Last summer I went to Singapore to watch *The Phantom of the Opera*, the famous opera by Andrew Webber. Since I had never been to Singapore, I would have stayed in the hotel and didn't know where to go if I hadn't joined the package tour.

David: You see. Sally, it doesn't matter what types of tours you choose, what matter most is whether you enjoy your trip and have a good time.

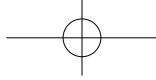
Sally: Thanks for listening and we'll meet you again at the same time next week.

David: Bye.

Sally: Bye.

Key

- "I Like Travelling".
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| inbound tours 入境游 | independent tours 自助游 |
| package tours 跟团游 | vacation tours 休闲度假游 |
| sightseeing tours 观光游 | historical and cultural tours 历史文化游 |
| outbound tours 出境游 | eco-tours 生态旅游 |
- Because independent tours give you such great freedom to move around a different country and experience unique, beautiful and exciting adventure that you will never have in package tours.
- Because people don't have to worry about how to spend their time, how to arrange their travel routes and where to live. What's more, people are safer because they are traveling with a large group of people and tourist guide will help them.

**Practical Listening**

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Sam: Nowadays there are many forms of transportation and people can travel by bus, train or airplane. So, what's your favourite ways of transportation?

Linda: I prefer to travel in a car.

Sam: Um, well, tell me why.

Linda: That would be mainly the freedom. You can go to any place you like and decide where to go and when to stop.

Sam: OK, uh, how about traveling by train? You know, more and more people would rather take a trip by train.

Linda: Maybe it's because it is more spacious and you can do things that you cannot do in a car if you like, such as going for a cigarette, getting something to drink or even going to the bathroom.

Sam: OK, and let's talk about the airplane. What are some of advantages of flying?

Linda: It's quick and convenient.

Sam: OK, uh, let's talk about the disadvantages. Let's start from cars.

Linda: Ah, cars can lead to air pollution and traffic accidents.

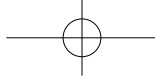
Sam: I agree. And how about trains?

Linda: Well, trains are safe but you know it will often takes you days and nights on the train because it's so slow.

Sam: Yes, if you are in a hurry, you can take a plane, but it is generally much more expensive than the other two forms of transportation.

Key

Ways of Transportation	Advantages	Disadvantages
Cars	Freedom	Lead to air pollution, traffic accidents
Trains	Safe, spacious and can do lots of other things	Slow
Planes	Quick and convenient	Expensive



B Fun Listening



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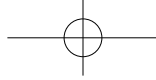
1. East and west, home is the best.
2. Seeing is believing.
3. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.
4. To see for oneself is worth all the books of travel.
5. He that travels far knows much.
6. When in Rome, do as the Romans do.



Task 2

Hotel California The Eagles

On a dark desert highway, cool wind in my hair.
Warm smell of colitas, rising up through the air.
Up ahead in the distance, I saw a shimmering light.
My head grew heavy and my sight grew dim; I had to stop for the night.
There she stood in the doorway, I heard the mission bell.
I was thinking to myself, "This could be heaven or this could be hell".
Then she lit up a candle, and she showed me the way.
There were voices down the corridor.
I thought I heard them say...
"Welcome to the Hotel California!"
Such a lovely place! Such a lovely face!
Plenty of room at the Hotel California!
Any time of year, you can find it here!



Her mind is Tiffany-twisted, she got the Mercedes Benz.
She got a lot of pretty, pretty boys that she calls friends.
How they dance in the courtyard, sweet summer sweat.
Some dance to remember! Some dance to forget!
So I called up the captain, “please bring me my wine”.
He said “we haven’t had that spirit here, since 1969”.
And still those voices are calling from far away.
Wake you up in the middle of the night just to hear them say...
“Welcome to the Hotel California!”
Such a lovely place! Such a lovely face!
They live it up at the Hotel California.
What a nice surprise,
Bring your alibis.

Mirrors on the ceiling, the pink champagne on ice.
And she said “we are all just prisoners here of our own device”.
And in the master’s chambers they gathered for the feast.
They stabbed it with their steely knives.
But they just can’t kill the beast.
Last thing I remember I was running for the door.
I had to find the passage back to the place I was before.
“Relax”, said the night man,
“We are programmed to receive.
You can check out any time you like but you can never leave!”