

Leisure and Tourism
Group Activity: Tourism in developing countries
Activity

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Aim

To further students' awareness of the impact of tourism in less developed countries.

Interaction

Groups

Preparation

Photocopy and cut out one set of information cards and one table sheet per group.

Time

60 minutes

Procedure

NB: this activity follows on well after students have been learning about developed and developing countries.

- 1 Talk about the differences between developed and developing countries. Elicit or provide names in each category. Talk a bit about the impact tourism has on less developed countries and give students time to imagine ways they think that tourism would impact on these areas of the world.
- 2 Divide the class into two groups, A and B.
- 3 Explain that you are going to give them the same table and a set of information cards. Give as many students as possible the chance to read a card.
- 4 Ask students to decide together which area of life the information cards have an impact on and place them in the boxes they think are best: The Environment, Employment, The Economy. Explain that there is no single right or wrong answer and that the point is that they practise expressing their opinion rather than being concerned with being right or wrong.
- 5 Once the teams have finalised their tables, start a discussion between them on any differences of opinion.
- 6 Now encourage students who have visited a less developed country to talk about their experience. Ask what issues they noticed. Then ask a volunteer from each group to say where they think the issue would fit (if anywhere) on the table).

Area of life affected	Advantages of tourism	Disadvantages of tourism
The Environment		
Employment		
The Economy		

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The Environment	Tourists are attracted by the natural environment.	The landscape is spoilt by tourist hotels and other amenities
Employment	Local people are employed in tourist services.	Local people are only employed seasonally.
The Economy	A lot of income is brought by tourism.	Many hotels are owned by foreigners.