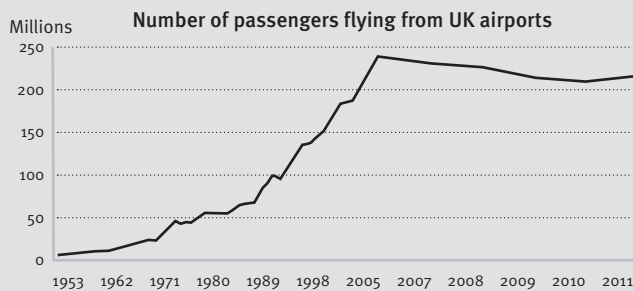


A persuasive presentation describing cause and effect

- 1 Look at the graph. What aspect of foreign travel does it show?



- 2 (3.25) Read and listen to the presentation. Do you agree or disagree with the speaker's view?

Should people be encouraged to travel abroad on holiday, or discouraged from it?

On the whole, I am of the opinion that people should not be encouraged to travel abroad on holiday. The fact is that a vast increase in the number of flights over recent years has **resulted in** increased carbon emissions, and this has clearly had a detrimental effect on the earth's atmosphere. Climate change, then, is a major concern, but by no means the only one. Tourism can have a negative impact on the physical environment, too, especially in popular destinations like coastal resorts. An increase in the number of visitors inevitably **leads to** expansion and development. For example, big hotels spring up along the coast, usually to the detriment of the local environment – and in most cases it was the local environment that was **the reason for** the resort's popularity in the first place. Furthermore, more hotels and more restaurants inevitably **mean** more strain on the local infrastructure, too. I think this is especially true in remoter and poorer parts of the world, for example in Africa and Asia, where the local population broadly speaking consumes less energy, less water and less food than the visiting tourists. The increased demand for water, for example, can pose a threat to rivers and lakes, which may dry up or become unsuitable as a habitat for wildlife. Admittedly, the local people benefit from the money that tourists spend while they are on holiday, but I don't think the benefits to local people outweigh the damage that tourism does.

So, to sum up, **the consequences of** more flights will be increased climate change, and further damage to the places which the tourists visit. For these reasons, I strongly believe that people should be discouraged from travelling abroad.

- 3 Complete the sentences with the words in bold.

- An increase in tourism often _____ an increase in jobs for local people.
- Better facilities for tourists _____ that they will have a good experience on holiday.

- Over the past ten years, the increase in visitors _____ damage to the natural environment.
- _____ of having too many tourists will be damage to the local environment.
- Damage to the environment is _____ an increase in eco-tourism.

- 4 (3.26) Listen to another presentation on the same topic. Complete the sentences.

- For _____, I think its particularly important for people to travel.
- Climate change is partly _____ carbon emissions from planes.
- The _____ travel is to learn about other cultures.

- 5 Which presentation do you think was more persuasive, the one in exercise 1 or the one in exercise 3?

- 6 Match 1–8 to a–h to make complete sentences.

- Increased carbon emissions have clearly had a detrimental
 - Climate change, then, is a major
 - Tourism can have a negative
 - Big hotels spring up along the coast, usually to the
 - I don't think the benefits to local people outweigh
 - When the purpose of travel is to learn about other cultures, it's clearly of mutual
 - I don't think we can avoid doing
 - We should endeavour to minimise the damage
- effect on the earth's atmosphere.
 - benefit to the tourist and the local people.
 - the damage that tourism does.
 - detriment of the local environment.
 - we cause to the environment.
 - concern, but by no means the only one.
 - harm altogether.
 - impact on the physical environment.

- 7 Complete the phrases with the words below.

broadly by in in on to

Generalizing

- _____ the whole
- _____ a great extent
- _____ general
- _____ and large
- _____ most cases
- _____ speaking

- 8 Read the task below. Make notes about your opinion and arguments that support it. Include at least one opposing argument. Think about the environment, economic benefits/drawbacks, quality of life for you compatriots, and the image of your country abroad.

To what extent does tourism benefit your country? Should it be encouraged? Give reasons for your opinions.

- 9 Prepare a presentation of no more than three minutes using some of the phrases and collocations from exercises 2, 3 and 6.

- 10 Give your presentation to the class.

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