

8.7 Writing

A review of a travel destination

I can write a review of a travel destination and make recommendations.

- 1 In pairs, discuss the questions. Use the collocations in the box to help you.

- 1 Why are some areas made into national parks?
- 2 Describe a well-known national park you know.

cultural heritage
diverse landscapes
environmental impact
natural beauty
sustainable tourism
wildlife protection

- 2 Read Alice's comments in *Young Traveller* magazine. Do you agree with her point of view?

Have your say ...

Last month we asked you:
Is enough being done to protect
the natural environment in
popular tourist destinations?

Alice, 17, wrote:

I'm a nature lover and it seems to me that governments and tour operators care mainly about the money that tourism generates and not about the negative impacts that visitors have on natural environments. Development of facilities for tourists often takes priority over protection of areas of natural beauty and local wildlife, and not enough is done to establish national parks or develop tourism responsibly.

— YOUNG TRAVELLER

Olly201: I get what you're saying, Alice, but there are places out there which offer eco-friendly holidays! Check out the links in my last post.

— YOUNG TRAVELLER

- 3 Read Nick's review. Would you like to visit the place he describes? Why?/Why not?

- 4 In pairs, answer the questions.

In which paragraph does Nick:

- a describe the location of the place? ☐
- b say which place he is writing about and why? ☐
- c make a final recommendation? ☐
- d give details of the protective measures taken in the place chosen? ☐

- 5 Complete the WRITING FOCUS with the words in the box.

because cause and result concession contrast reason

WRITING FOCUS

Using linking devices

You can use linking devices to:

- express ¹concession.
Although/Even though there are still problems, the situation has improved.
Despite/In spite of the laws, some new hotels have still been built.
- express ²_____ formally using participle clauses.
Having seen a turtle swim, I know how graceful they are in the water.
Being a responsible tourist, I am happy to follow the rules.
- express ³_____.
The river was so polluted that something had to be done.
Litter became such a problem that the area was closed to visitors.
- express ⁴_____.
While/Whereas many parts of the forest are protected, others are not.
Some tourists behave responsibly while/whereas others do not.
- express reason with alternatives to ⁵_____ (of).
Governments are often reluctant to limit tourism as/since it generates huge income.
Certain paths have been closed due to erosion caused by visitors.

Making recommendations

This destination would be ideal for ...

If you're looking for ..., then this is the place for you.

I can thoroughly recommend ...

... is definitely worth visiting.

All in all, I would highly recommend ...

Have your say ...

Nick, 17, wrote:

Zakynthos

- 1 If you're looking for a holiday destination where a great deal is being done to promote wildlife protection and preserve natural beauty, then the Greek island of Zakynthos is the place for you.
- 2 Having just returned from a holiday to beautiful Zakynthos, I have personally seen sustainable tourism in action. Zakynthos is a picturesque island off the west coast of mainland Greece. It is surrounded by turquoise waters but only a small part of its coastline is sandy beach. In the southern part of the island lies the Bay of Laganas, a major nesting area for the loggerhead sea turtle. During my trip to the island, my friends and I learnt about the ways in which the turtles are being protected.