

Viewpoint 1 – Lesson 10A

draw conclusions from

I opted to fly despite the cost.

Education is often called the gateway to success.

They said all the flights that day were full.

I was puzzled that only a handful of people were checking in.

Check-in agent (n)

a frightening prospect

Travel experiences

get somewhere safely

The pilot warned us that the landing would be really bumpy – and it was!

See some amazing wildlife

Take a boat trip on the X River

go on a guided tour

Leave trash in the forests

Tour companies have become more aware of the environment.

Oh, how neat!

relax at beach resorts

Tourism is a major source of revenue for all the countries.

Some countries get like more than X tourists a year.

Tourism has a lot of economic benefits, but it brings a lot of problems, too.

limit tourist numbers

endangered animals / plants

a real threat to the wildlife and vegetation

manage sth in a responsible way

Visit a nature reserve

We paid a \$15 entrance fee.

Eco-tourism provides revenue, and jobs for local people.

go on a tour

get a better understanding of sth

Preserve national parks

Support local communities

Provide economic benefits without harming natural habitats

develop eco-tourism

Promote eco-tourism for environmental education

eco-tourism (n) Responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment and improves the well-being of local people.

Conserve the environment (v) To protect the natural world from harm, loss, or damage; to use natural resources carefully so they are not wasted.

Why People Enjoy Traveling

Travel isn't just about moving from one place to another. For many people, it's an emotionally enriching and transformative experience.

- an emotionally enriching and transformative experience

Reason 1 — Traveling Expands Your Perspective

Step 1: Experience Different Cultures

When you visit another place, you see new customs, food, lifestyles, and **social norms**. This exposure builds cultural awareness and reduces narrow thinking.

- reduce narrow thinking
- exposure / build cultural awareness

Someone visiting Tokyo might notice how punctual public transport is and how respectfully people behave in public spaces. That experience may inspire them to value discipline differently back home.

- Value discipline
- Punctual / Public Transport

Travel **creates broadened perspective**, which often leads to **greater tolerance and understanding**.

Step 2: Challenge Your Assumptions

Being outside your familiar environment forces you to question your habits and beliefs. For example, a traveler visiting Barcelona may notice the slower pace of life — long meals, late evenings, relaxed schedules — and realize productivity isn't the only measure of a meaningful life. This develops open-mindedness.

- Question one's habits and beliefs
- Something develops open-mindedness

Reason 2 — Traveling Creates Emotional Excitement

Step 1: Break Routine

Routine can become predictable. Travel interrupts that pattern. Novel experiences activate curiosity and **generate psychological stimulation**. For example, trying street food in Bangkok for the first time feels exciting because it's unfamiliar. Newness produces enthusiasm and energy.

- Something interrupts a pattern
- Novel experiences / activate curiosity

Step 2: Create Memorable Moments

Travel experiences often become powerful stories. For example, watching the sunset near the Eiffel Tower becomes a memory someone recalls for years. These moments build emotional resonance — experiences that stay meaningful long after they happen.

- build emotional resonance
- experiences that stay meaningful / a memory someone recalls for years

Reason 3 — Traveling Encourages Personal Growth

Step 2: Increase Adaptability

Travel rarely goes perfectly. Delays, weather, misunderstandings — they happen. Managing these situations improves resilience. For example, a canceled flight becomes a lesson in patience rather than a disaster. Over time, travelers develop greater flexibility in daily life.

- develop greater flexibility
- Something become a lesson in patience
- encourage personal growth / improve resilience

<https://www.wikihow.com/Travel-the-World>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9d8wWcJLnFI>

- Why Do People Enjoy Traveling?
- Is traveling a luxury or a necessity?

- Does everyone need to travel?
- Can someone grow without leaving their country?

- Resilience
- Enthusiasm
- Self-reliance
- cultural awareness
- broaden your perspective
- transformative experience

Which of these do you think travel develops the most? Students must give an example.

Can you elaborate? Can you give a personal example?

- Has travel ever changed you?
- What would challenge you?

- What might surprise you?
- What could make you uncomfortable?

- Travel is the best form of education.

The Amazon always feels a little **mythical**.

Step 1 — Know What Makes the Amazon Unique

The Amazon rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world, stretching across several countries, especially Brazil. It plays a crucial role in regulating the planet's climate.

- The largest tropical rainforest, stretching across
- Something plays a crucial role in regulating the planet's climate

Two Interesting Facts About the Amazon Rainforest

Fact 1 — It Produces a Significant Amount of the World's Oxygen

The Amazon is often called “the lungs of the Earth.”

Because of its vast number of trees and plants, it absorbs carbon dioxide and releases oxygen through photosynthesis. This process contributes to environmental balance.

- Vast number of something
- Absorb carbon dioxide / release oxygen through
- Something contributes to environmental balance

When forests are cut down, **carbon levels** increase, which contributes to climate change. Protecting the Amazon helps **maintain global ecological stability**.

Fact 2 — It Is Home to Incredible Biodiversity

The Amazon contains millions of species of plants, animals, and insects — many of which are not found anywhere else. Scientists are still discovering new species every year. This makes it one of the most biologically diverse regions on Earth.

- Contain millions of species of X, Y, and Z
- One of the most biologically diverse regions

Why Is the Amazon a Popular Tourist Destination?

Reason 1 — Adventure and Exploration

The Amazon offers experiences that feel wild and untouched. Visitors can:

- Stay in eco-lodges
- Explore jungle trails
- Take boat tours along the Amazon River

This creates a sense of immersion in nature. For example, a traveler hiking through dense rainforest may hear exotic birds and monkeys — something impossible to experience in a city. That feeling of being surrounded by pure nature creates excitement and wonder.

- hear exotic birds
- Create a sense of immersion in nature
- The feeling of being surrounded by pure nature

Reason 2 — Cultural Experiences

The region is home to many indigenous communities with unique traditions and knowledge. Tourists can learn about:

- Local crafts
- Sustainable living
- Traditional medicine

This builds cultural appreciation. For example, participating in a guided visit to a local village can change someone's understanding of **community life** and environmental respect.

- Change someone's understanding of
- Build cultural appreciation / participate in a guided visit to

The Amazon is popular because it offers:

- Rare wildlife
- Cultural richness
- Powerful natural beauty
- A deep connection to nature

It's not just a vacation spot — it's a **transformative environment** that **makes people feel small in a good way**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEsV5rqbVNQ>