

Select Readings, Second Edition
Pre-Intermediate, Chapter 14 Test

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Being a Good Tourist

Everybody is a tourist at least some of the time. But being a ‘good tourist’ can take a little practice. While many tourists may already have good travel habits, we have all probably seen those tourists who test the patience and goodwill of local people when they travel.

Being a good tourist isn’t really that difficult. In fact, by following a few simple rules, tourists can make both their own experience, and that of the people living in the places they visit, a pleasant one.

1. Don’t Block Traffic

This is the biggest complaint by the natives of a place that gets packed with tourists. If you don’t know where you’re going, don’t stop dead in your tracks at the end of the escalator, causing a human pile-up. Keep walking, move out of the traffic flow, and then figure out which direction to head in. Even better, figure out where you’re going before you get on or off of any public transport. We all have to take public transportation together, so please remember that many people are hurrying to get to work.

2. Don’t Talk Badly About the Place You Are Visiting

Most people take pride in the place where they live. Even if something isn’t quite the way you like it—for example, the food, the traffic, or the shops—don’t make negative comments about the place you are visiting.

3. Keep Your Voice Down

You might be excited or even stressed, but there are certain places, like temples or museums, where you should try to speak quietly. Nobody else wants to hear your cell phone conversation or your daily schedule. Pay attention to the people around you, and try to respect the space you share.

4. Respect the Culture and the Environment

Take cues from the locals about what is appropriate behavior and what is not. If you don’t see the locals picking flowers or wearing a certain type of clothing, then it is probably not acceptable for you to do it either. Be sure to research such things before you plan your trip.

These simple rules could mean the difference in being a good tourist or a bad one. If you practice them, *everyone* will enjoy your trip.

1. The reading passage is primarily about _____.
A. how to decide the best place to go for a vacation
B. how difficult it is to be a good tourist
C. how local people should treat tourists
D. good manners for tourists when they travel

2. According to the passage, learning to be a good tourist _____.
 - A. tests the patience of locals
 - B. isn't so difficult, actually
 - C. is a sign of goodwill
 - D. requires a lot of practice

3. Rule 1 talks mostly about what tourists should know about _____.
 - A. walking and taking public transportation
 - B. how to drive in traffic while traveling
 - C. reading maps in a new place
 - D. traveling to work while on vacation

4. In Rule 1, what does "dead in your tracks" mean?
 - A. Afraid to step off an escalator
 - B. Pushing people to go by them
 - C. Causing a human pile-up
 - D. Standing somewhere without moving

5. Which is an example of something to avoid saying, according to Rule 2?
 - A. I've never tried that dish before, but it sounds great.
 - B. We've been sitting on this bus for an hour already.
 - C. They have some incredible clothing shops here.
 - D. The train brought us straight from the airport in just 15 minutes.

6. What does "keeping your voice down" mean?
 - A. Talking quietly
 - B. Talking loudly
 - C. Getting stressed
 - D. Being excited

7. What's one thing we can infer from Rule 3?
 - A. Most tourists visit temples and museums.
 - B. Tourists don't respect the space they share with local people.
 - C. Some tourists speak very loudly on their cell phones.
 - D. Many tourists don't pay attention to their daily schedule.

8. According to Rule 4, we can infer that _____.
 - A. in most places, it's OK for locals to pick flowers, but not tourists
 - B. if local people aren't seen wearing short pants, tourists probably shouldn't either
 - C. tourists should always ask locals before deciding what clothing is OK to wear
 - D. tourists should try to avoid accepting flowers from local people

9. In the last paragraph, what does the word "everyone" refer to?
 - A. All tourists
 - B. All locals
 - C. Both tourists and locals
 - D. None of the above

10. What is the author's main purpose in writing this passage?
 - A. To make tourists speak more quietly when they travel
 - B. To make tourists plan their travel better
 - C. To teach local people how to find good tourists
 - D. To teach some simple rules for being a good tourist