



Geography

Magnificent Mountains

Mountain Travel



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Aim

- I can describe how tourism affects mountain regions.

Success Criteria

- I can tell you why people might visit mountains.
- I can describe some of the effects of tourism on an area.
- I can identify ways to limit the damage tourism causes to an area.
- I can identify who is responsible for limiting the damage tourism can cause.

Why Do People Visit Mountains?



- The view
- Keeping fit
- The challenge
- To raise money for charity
- Skiing
- Wildlife spotting
- Taking photographs
- Climbing



Watch this video of someone climbing Snowdon.



What Impact Does Tourism Have?



13 million people live in The Alps.

Imagine 240 people visiting your classroom every year...

Do you think they would come spread out across the year, or would they come in bigger groups at specific times?



100 million people visit The Alps every year.

Imagine they came over two or three weeks... that's about 80 people per week!

What impact would they have?
Would there be enough space?
Enough chairs?
Imagine the noise!



What Impact Does Tourism Have?



Tourism affects many aspects of the community:

- Economic activity
- Environmental impact
- Social impact


How would those visitors affect our classroom?

- Economically?
More funds for our school; more resources needed.
- Environmentally?
More noise, less space, more hands to help tidy up.
- Socially?
More friends, less support per person from the teacher.

What Impact Does Tourism Have?



Not all the effects of tourism are bad for an area. Decide which of the effects are negative and which are positive and sort them onto the sheet.

Tourism Impacts - Mountains 

Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts

Increased pollution from cars, buses and planes.

Money spent by tourists may go into the local economy – e.g. money spent in locally owned cafes and hotels.

Increased employment opportunities for those living in the area.

Increased numbers of visitors may cause damage to ecosystems through erosion.

More buildings, such as restaurants and hotels, which can destroy habitats.

Tourism can help educate people about the risks facing our planet.

Tourism may help keep alive traditions and crafts through heritage centres and local businesses.

Areas may lose their individuality by becoming holiday resorts with chain hotels and restaurants.

Improved recreational facilities for those living in the area.

Some tourist attractions, such as nature reserves, may help protect wildlife and ecosystems.

Improved infrastructure, such as travel and communication links, for those living in the area.

Increased property prices may make buying a house unaffordable for local people.

Changes to employment opportunities in an area may lead to a decline in the uptake of traditional jobs.

Increased numbers of visitors may bring increased noise and disruption for locals.

Money spent by tourists may not go into the local economy but to the owners of larger hotel and restaurant chains.

Challenge: Which effects do you think have the biggest impact on an area?

What Can be Done to Protect Mountain Environments?



Marked paths; fence off vulnerable areas; guided walks/climbs.

Strict planning criteria; protect vulnerable area.

Strict planning regulations to ensure affordable homes are built.

Strict planning controls for hotels & bars to ensure residential areas are quieter.

Investment in litter bins, cleaners, etc. ; impose a group levy on climbing groups ; encourage tourists to act responsibly.

Education courses to keep traditional skills in use; develop heritage centres as a tourist attraction.

Strict planning controls for hotels & bars to ensure a good mix of smaller and larger businesses.

Investment in good public transport links; encourage use of greener transport options.

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Challenge -Would You like to Live in the Mountains?



Think about what you have learnt about
mountainous environments so far...



Would you like to live in the mountains?
Explain your reasons and write in your book.

