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Travel company ends 'unethical' animal tours

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140519-animal-rights.html>

One of the world's top travel companies is ending its tours to many of the planet's top animal attractions. STA Travel, which provides holidays, flights and accommodation for 2.5 million students a year, has decided it will no longer organize tours to places where animals are not free. This means it will not arrange elephant rides or trips to the Tiger Temple in Thailand, as well as tours to SeaWorld in Florida and California. The company said it would only go to places it knew were good to animals. Many STA customers complained about the tours to some places, so it started to review its animal tours. A company spokeswoman said: "We take this seriously and listen carefully to feedback from animal welfare experts."

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Sources: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/may/16/sta-travel-ends-unethical-animal-trips-elephants-seaworld>
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WARM-UPS

1. ANIMALS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about animals. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

travel company / animals / attractions / tours / elephant rides / customers / experts / disappointed / high standards / decision / journey / animal rights / theme parks

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. NOT WILD: What do you think of these situations where animals are not wild? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good / Bad?	Why?	How would you change this?
Zoos			
SeaWorld			
Aquariums			
Homes (as pets)			
Police dogs / horses			
Racing (horses / dogs)			

4. FREE: Students A **strongly** believe animals should be free; Students B **strongly** believe pets, zoos and work animals are OK. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. ATTRACTIONS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- SeaWorld
- Disneyland
- Pyramids
- Louvre
- Mt. Everest
- Safari Park
- Great Wall of China
- Taj Mahal

6. TOUR: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "tour". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140519-animal-rights.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| a. Three travel companies are ending tours to animal attractions. | T / F |
| b. STA Travel sells tours to around 2.5 million students a year. | T / F |
| c. STA will still organize tours to SeaWorld in the USA. | T / F |
| d. Customers complained about the tours to animal attractions. | T / F |
| e. SeaWorld totally understood and agreed with STA's decision. | T / F |
| f. SeaWorld said animal welfare is more important than staff welfare. | T / F |
| g. STA said it is just beginning of the process of making changes. | T / F |
| h. An animal rights said dolphins suffer at all theme parks. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1. ending | a. choice |
| 2. top | b. specialists |
| 3. arrange | c. start |
| 4. review | d. leading |
| 5. experts | e. problems |
| 6. standards | f. organise |
| 7. decision | g. finishing |
| 8. welfare | h. levels |
| 9. beginning | i. reconsider |
| 10. issues | j. well-being |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. One of the world's | a. groups |
| 2. holidays, flights | b. are not free |
| 3. places where animals | c. of animal care |
| 4. places it knew | d. to feedback |
| 5. listen carefully | e. the issues are |
| 6. high standards | f. top travel companies |
| 7. animal rights | g. were good to animals |
| 8. higher | h. parks |
| 9. understand what | i. and accommodation |
| 10. theme | j. priority |

GAP FILL

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good
seriously
free
review
attractions
experts
accommodation
rides

SeaWorld was disappointed with STA's (9) _____. It wanted STA to see the high standards of animal care at both SeaWorlds. It also said (10) _____ by animal rights groups may have made STA make this decision. A SeaWorld spokesperson said: "There is no (11) _____ priority for SeaWorld than the (12) _____ of our employees and guests and the (13) _____ of our animals." STA said it would look at more places that have animals. It said: "We are very much at the (14) _____ of this journey. It is really important we do it over time, understand what the (15) _____ are and work with organisations that really understand those issues." The animal rights group PETA says animals such as dolphins all suffer at (16) _____ parks.

beginning
higher
decision
issues
welfare
activities
theme
safety

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) One of the world's top travel companies is _____
 - a. ending its tours
 - b. end in its tours
 - c. end in its towards
 - d. ending its towards
- 2) provides holidays, flights _____
 - a. an accommodation
 - b. and accommodation
 - c. and a commendation
 - d. and a comma day shun
- 3) it will no longer organize tours to places where _____
 - a. animals are not free
 - b. animals are not free
 - c. animals are not free
 - d. animals are not free
- 4) Many STA _____
 - a. customer's complained
 - b. customers' complained
 - c. customer as complained
 - d. customers complained
- 5) listen carefully to feedback from _____
 - a. animal welfare experts
 - b. animal welfare exports
 - c. animal welfare expats
 - d. animal welfare ex-ports
- 6) SeaWorld was disappointed _____
 - a. for STA's decision
 - b. at STA's decision
 - c. with STA's decision
 - d. this STA's decision
- 7) It also said activities by animal rights groups may have made STA _____
 - a. fake this decision
 - b. bake this decision
 - c. rake this decision
 - d. make this decision
- 8) We are very much at the beginning _____
 - a. of these journey
 - b. of this journey
 - c. of those journey
 - d. of that journey
- 9) work with organisations that really _____
 - a. understand though this issues
 - b. understand those tissues
 - c. understand those issued
 - d. understand those issues
- 10) PETA says animals such as dolphins all suffer _____
 - a. at them parks
 - b. at theme parks
 - c. at thee parks
 - d. at these parks

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140519-animal-rights.html>

1. What's the name of the travel company?

2. How many students use the travel company's services each year?

3. What is the name of the attraction in Florida and California?

4. Who complained to the travel company?

5. What does the company listen carefully to?

6. What is SeaWorld disappointed with?

7. Who does SeaWorld blame for the travel company's decision?

8. What does SeaWorld care about the welfare of?

9. What is it important for the travel company to understand?

10. Where does the company say dolphins suffer?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140519-animal-rights.html>

1. What's the name of the travel company?
 - a) StarWorld
 - b) STA
 - c) Star
 - d) STA World
2. How many students use the travel company's services each year?
 - a) 2.5 billion
 - b) 25 million
 - c) 2,500,000
 - d) 250,000
3. What is the name of the attraction in Florida and California?
 - a) World Of Sea
 - b) WorldSea
 - c) See The World
 - d) SeaWorld
4. Who complained to the travel company?
 - a) marine biologists
 - b) customers
 - c) children
 - d) dolphin owners
5. What does the company listen carefully to?
 - a) feedback
 - b) the weather forecast
 - c) the dolphins
 - d) noises in the water
6. What is SeaWorld disappointed with?
 - a) dolphins
 - b) STA
 - c) profits
 - d) itself
7. Who does SeaWorld blame for the travel company's decision?
 - a) the dolphins
 - b) its directors
 - c) employees
 - d) animal rights groups
8. What does SeaWorld care about the welfare of?
 - a) its boss
 - b) its customers
 - c) its animals
 - d) its staff
9. What is it important for the travel company to understand?
 - a) the Earth
 - b) Spanish
 - c) dolphin language
 - d) issues
10. Where does the company say dolphins suffer?
 - a) in the Atlantic Ocean
 - b) theme parks
 - c) in cold water
 - d) aquariums

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – SeaWorld

You think Seaworld is the best attraction. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so interesting about their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the Louvre, Mount Everest or Disneyland.

Role B – The Louvre

You think the Louvre is the best attraction. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so interesting about their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Seaworld, Mount Everest or Disneyland.

Role C – Mount Everest

You think Mount Everest is the best attraction. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so interesting about their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the Louvre, Seaworld or Disneyland.

Role D – Disneyland

You think Disneyland is the best attraction. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so interesting about their attractions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the Louvre, Mount Everest or Seaworld.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140519-animal-rights.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'animal' and 'attraction'.

animal	attraction
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• top• 2.5• rides• go• started• feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• high• higher• look• beginning• time• theme
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ANIMALS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about animals in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

ANIMALS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the term 'animal rights'?
- c) What kind of tours do you like going on?
- d) What do you think of the STA's decision?
- e) Do you think it's wrong that animals are kept in theme parks?
- f) Do you think dolphins like being kept at SeaWorld?
- g) What do you think of companies that operate elephant tours?
- h) What do you think people complained to the STA about?
- i) What do you think when you see animals in theme parks?
- j) Should all zoos and animal theme parks be banned?

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ANIMALS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do you think SeaWorld's "high standards" are?
- c) Is it OK to keep animals at attractions even if standards are high?
- d) What more do you think STA could do?
- e) Is it unfair to keep animals as pets?
- f) What are the issues about animal rights?
- g) Do you think animals will still be in cages or parks in 50 years?
- h) What decisions would you make about animals in theme parks?
- i) How important is animal rights?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the SeaWorld boss?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) high | (b) top | (c) lead | (d) increase |
| 2. | (a) providing | (b) provides | (c) provide | (d) provisions |
| 3. | (a) freedom | (b) freely | (c) frees | (d) free |
| 4. | (a) has | (b) as | (c) ease | (d) was |
| 5. | (a) well | (b) good | (c) nicely | (d) jolly |
| 6. | (a) feed | (b) feeds | (c) feedback | (d) fed up |
| 7. | (a) on | (b) from | (c) with | (d) as |
| 8. | (a) do | (b) have | (c) make | (d) be |
| 9. | (a) height | (b) up there | (c) topping | (d) higher |
| 10. | (a) much | (b) many | (c) most | (d) more |
| 11. | (a) are | (b) be | (c) been | (d) being |
| 12. | (a) them | (b) thyme | (c) theme | (d) thermal |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. top animal snittacorta
2. it will no longer rzoeiagn (USA) / sgeiaonr (UK) tours
3. it will not rrngaae elephant rides
4. Many STA customers mdanplcieo
5. viwree its animal tours
6. animal welfare psexret

Paragraph 2

7. disappointed with STA's ondcieis
8. high naasddrts of animal care
9. saciiitvte by animal rights groups
10. no higher ytiripro
11. the beginning of this oejrynu
12. mteeh parks

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () review its animal tours. A company spokeswoman said: "We take this seriously and listen carefully to feedback from animal welfare experts."
- () good to animals. Many STA customers complained about the tours to some places, so it started to
- () are and work with organisations that really understand those issues." The animal
- () care at both SeaWorlds. It also said activities by animal rights groups may have made STA make
- () animal attractions. STA Travel, which provides holidays, flights and accommodation
- () SeaWorld was disappointed with STA's decision. It wanted STA to see the high standards of animal
- (**1**) One of the world's top travel companies is ending its tours to many of the planet's top
- () as tours to SeaWorld in Florida and California. The company said it would only go to places it knew were
- () this decision. A SeaWorld spokesperson said: "There is no higher priority for SeaWorld than the safety of our
- () much at the beginning of this journey. It is really important we do it over time, understand what the issues
- () free. This means it will not arrange elephant rides or trips to the Tiger Temple in Thailand, as well
- () employees and guests and the welfare of our animals." STA said it would look at more places that have animals. It said: "We are very
- () rights group PETA says animals such as dolphins all suffer at theme parks.
- () for 2.5 million students a year, has decided it will no longer organize tours to places where animals are not

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. to the animal Tours of top many planet's attractions.

2. arrange will means not elephant . it This rides

3. knew were good to animals Only go to places it.

4. animal its review to started It tours.

5. carefully welfare to experts feedback from Listen animal.

6. standards care SeaWorlds high animal both The of at.

7. It at that look places animals would more have.

8. journey very the this are at of We much beginning.

9. really Work understand with those organisations issues that.

10. dolphins at as suffer parks such all theme Animals.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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One of the world's top travel companies is *ended / ending* its tours to many of the planet's top animal attractions. STA Travel, which *provisions / provides* holidays, flights and accommodation for 2.5 million students a year, has decided it will *no / not* longer organize tours to places where animals are not *freely / free*. This means it will not *arrangement / arrange* elephant rides or trips to the Tiger Temple in Thailand, *as / has* well as tours to SeaWorld in Florida and California. The company said it would only go to places it *knowing / knew* were good to animals. Many STA customers complained *about / around* the tours to some places, so it started to *review / reviews* its animal tours. A company spokeswoman said: "We take this seriously and listen carefully to feedback *to / from* animal welfare experts."

SeaWorld was disappointed *with / from* STA's decision. It wanted STA to see the *high / highly* standards of animal care at both SeaWorlds. It also said activities *on / by* animal rights groups may have made STA *fake / make* this decision. A SeaWorld spokesperson said: "There is *no / not* higher priority for SeaWorld than the safety *of / by* our employees and guests and the welfare *of / to* our animals." STA said it would look at more places that have animals. It said: "We are very *many / much* at the beginning of this journey. It is really important we do it over time, understand what the issues are and work with organisations that really understand *them / those* issues." The animal rights group PETA says animals such as dolphins all suffer at *theme / them* parks.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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n _f th_ w_rld's t_p tr_v_l c_m_p_n__s _s _nd ng _ts
t__rs t_ m_ny _f th_ pl_n_t's t_p _n_m_l _ttr_ct__ns.
ST_ Tr_v_l, wh_ch pr_v_d_s h_l_d_ys, fl_ghts _nd
_cc_mm_d_t__n f_r 2.5 m_ll__n st_d_nts _y__r, h_s
d_c_d_d _t w_ll n_ l_ng_r _rg_n_z_ t__rs t_ pl_c_s
wh_r_ _n_m_ls _r_n_t fr__ . Th_s m__ns _t w_ll n_t
_rr_ng_ _l_ph_nt r_d_s _r tr_ps t_ th_ T_g_r T_mpl_
_n Th__l_nd, _s w_ll _s t__rs t_ S__W_rld _n Fl_r_d_
_nd C_l_f_rn__ . Th_ c_m_p_ny s__d _t w__ld _nly g__t
pl_c_s _t kn_w w_r_ g__d t_ _n_m_ls. M_ny ST_
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l_st_n c_r_f_lly t_ f__db_ck fr_m _n_m_l w_lf_r_
_xp_rts."

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_t_b_th S__W_rlds. _t _ls s__d _ct_v_t__s by _n_m_l
r_ghts gr__ps m_y h_v_ m_d_ ST_ m_k_ th_s
d_c_s__n. _ S__W_rld sp_k_sp_rs_n s__d: "Th_r__s
n_ h_g_h_r pr__r_ty f_r S__W_rld th_n th_ s_f_ty _f __r
_mpl_y__s _nd g__sts _nd th_ w_lf_r_ _f __r
_n_m_ls." ST_ s__d _t w__ld l__k _t m_r_pl_c_s th_t
h_v_ _n_m_ls. _t s__d: "W__r_ v_ry m_ch _t th_
b_g_nn_ng _f th_s j__rn_y. _t s_r__lly _mp_rt_nt w_
d__t _v_r_t_m_, _nd rst_nd wh_t th_ __s__s _r__nd
w_rk w_th _rg_n_s_t__ns th_t r__lly _nd rst_nd th_s_
__s__s." Th_ _n_m_l r_ghts gr__p P_T_ s_ys _n_m_ls
s_ch _s d_lph_ns _ll s_ff_r _t th_m_ p_rks.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about STA Travel's decision. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ANIMAL RIGHTS: Make a poster about animal rights. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. THEME PARKS: Write a magazine article about animals in theme parks. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on animals. Ask him/her three questions about animals in theme parks. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c F d T e F f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. ending | a. finishing |
| 2. top | b. leading |
| 3. arrange | c. organise |
| 4. review | d. reconsider |
| 5. experts | e. specialists |
| 6. standards | f. levels |
| 7. decision | g. choice |
| 8. welfare | h. well-being |
| 9. beginning | i. start |
| 10. issues | j. problems |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. STA
2. 2.5 million
3. SeaWorld
4. Customers
5. Feedback
6. STA's decision
7. Animal rights groups
8. Its animals
9. Issues
10. Theme parks

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. d 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)