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Vocabulary: *tourism* 词汇: 旅游

Koh Tachai is a beautiful Thai island. **Sandy beaches**, blue sea, plenty of sunshine; paradise ... and that's why you can't go there! It's part of the Similan National Park, which attracts too many **holidaymakers** and **divers** and this has been causing problems.



Koh Tachai is part of the Similan National Park

According to Tunya Netithammakul, Director General of the Department of National Parks, **Wildlife** and Plants Conservation, "we have to close it to allow the **rehabilitation** of the environment both on the island and in the sea without being disturbed by tourism activities before the damage is beyond repair."

Many **beauty spots** around the world have paid a **high price** for their popularity. The Phi Phi Islands, also in Thailand, came under pressure after the movie *The Beach*, starring Leonardo Di Caprio, was filmed there. The **boom in tourism** might have been good news for local traders but not for the **coral reefs**, destroyed by boats' **anchors** and pollution from **motorboats**.

Far away, in Ecuador, the Galapagos **Archipelago**, a World Heritage Site, is famous for a unique **ecosystem** that inspired Charles Darwin to write his **Theory of Evolution**. There's a concern about what can be taken away – it's illegal to buy **souvenirs** made from animal parts or native wood – but also about the **invasive species** brought in by visitors. A researcher has warned about the new types of ants arriving all the time travelling in aircraft, boats and even tourists' **luggage**.

Maybe we humans are the most threatening of all invasive species. We tend to leave rubbish everywhere and build **infrastructure** in some areas that can't support it. The question we should ask ourselves is: would we agree to give up visiting these paradises for a while in order to allow them to regenerate and preserve them for future generations or as we only live once, should we go wherever we like and enjoy it while it lasts?

词汇表

sandy beach	沙滩
holidaymaker	度假者
diver	潜水员
wildlife	野生生物
rehabilitation	修复
beauty spot	美景, 名胜
a high price	(付出了) 高昂的代价
boom in tourism	旅游业迅速发展
coral reef	珊瑚礁
anchor	锚
motorboat	摩托艇, 汽艇, 游船
archipelago	群岛
ecosystem	生态系统
theory of evolution	进化论
souvenir	纪念品
invasive species	入侵物种
luggage	行李
infrastructure	基础设施

测验与练习

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. Why do Thai authorities want to close Koh Tachai to the public?
2. What does the author mean when he says "paid a high price for their popularity"?
3. What have been particularly under threat in the island where *The Beach* was filmed?
4. True or false? *Charles Darwin travelled to the Galapagos Islands before he wrote about how species have changed through the years.*
5. Which means of transport are mentioned in the article?

2. 请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. I want to travel light, so I'm not taking much _____ on holiday.

luggages	luggage	bags	baggages
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2. After his operation, he needed to _____ before he was able to go back to work.

rehabilitate	recovered	retake	build
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3. The koala is _____ species of Australia.

a domesticated	a foreign	a native	an invasive
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4. Roads, railways and shops are part of _____ of a modern city.

the ecosystem	the infrastructure	the boom in tourism	paradise
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5. I need a new computer. I dropped mine and it is _____ repair.

above	over	beyond	at
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答案

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. Why do Thai authorities want to close Koh Tachai to the public?
Because they want to preserve the local environment.
2. What does the author mean when he says "paid a high price for their popularity"?
He means that too many people visited the beauty spots and it has caused damage to the local environment.
3. What have been particularly under threat in the island where The Beach was filmed?
Coral reefs.
4. True or false? *Charles Darwin travelled to the Galapagos Islands before he wrote about how species have changed through the years.*
True. The famous British scientist was inspired by the unique ecosystem in the islands.
5. Which means of transport are mentioned in the article?
Motorboats, boats and aircraft.

2. 请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. I want to travel light, so I'm not taking much **luggage** on holiday.
2. After his operation, he needed to **rehabilitate** before he was able to go back to work.
3. The koala is **a native** species of Australia.
4. Roads, railways and shops are part of **the infrastructure** of a modern city.
5. I need a new computer. I dropped mine and it is **beyond** repair.