

Reading Lesson

A1 Services: From Village to Village

Reading

Read the text about a tourism business. Can tourism help local villages?

From Village to Village

Tourists come from all over the world to visit northern India. They visit the Taj Mahal and the Golden Temple in Amritsar. Some people go to the Himalayas. They stay in villages and learn about life there. In this area, it is hard for women to work in tourism. People think it is not good work for women. One company, Village Ways, tries to help women earn money from tourism.

The women here walk from village to village all the time. They take food to family members in another village. They also bring wood and other things home from other villages. Village Ways pays the women to also take luggage. They carry bags from one village to the next. The women like the work and they make some money. They meet tourists and learn about the world. The money helps them buy food for their families. This way, tourism helps everyone in the area.



Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

carry company earn luggage village

1. I live in a small _____ a long way from towns and cities.
2. It's possible to _____ a lot of money in some jobs.
3. Your bag is heavy! Do you want me to _____ it for you?
4. When I travel, I always have a lot of _____!
5. My mom's _____ makes T-shirts. She sells them online.

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Comprehension

Choose the correct option.

1. Tourists come from ... to visit this area.
a many places **b** Amritsar **c** northern India
2. Tourists come to this area to learn ...
a why women don't work. **b** about life here. **c** how to help women.
3. The women bring ... home from other villages.
a wood and other things **b** money **c** food
4. Village Ways gives money to the women for ...
a carrying luggage. **b** meeting tourists. **c** making bags.
5. Women use the money to get ... for their families.
a wood **b** bags **c** food

Thinking

Is tourism a good thing for villages? Why or why not?