

Student task:

1. Cut out the statements below and sort them into whether they are a positive or negative impact of tourism. Then stick them into the correct column.
2. Now read through the statements again and decide if they have a social, economic or environmental impact (some may be more than one). Colour-code the statements according to your completed key.

Positive impacts of tourism	Negative impacts of tourism

Key:

Social

Economic

Environmental

Tourism can create lots of jobs in hotels and bars	House prices increase too fast for lots of the local people to afford
Many of the jobs are low paid seasonal jobs in the service industry	Tourism brings in lots of money which can be used to improve hospitals and schools
Builders get a lot more work but the cost of building rises	Nightclubs and bars open until late and create noise pollution
Infrastructure like power and water supplies, airports, roads and ports are improved	The cost of living for local people rises
Foreigners often get the higher paying jobs, e.g. hotel managers, instead of local people	Wildlife can be disrupted or even killed as their habitats are destroyed
Tourism can bring in lots of foreign investment	The amount of litter on beaches and in towns increases
There is increased demand for locally produced souvenirs	Tourists behaviour and dress can sometimes be offensive to local people and their beliefs
Farmland is lost so food production is reduced and some farmers can lose their livelihoods	Local populations are sometimes dispersed to create room for tourist accommodation
Animals natural behaviour can be affected by tourists and the noise they create	Tourists money often goes to the government and not the local communities
Local communities can sell their produce and crafts to tourists	The natural environment can become polluted by the increased numbers of people
Farmland and vegetation can be cleared to make room for hotels	Tourists eat locally produced food and drink local beverages
Tourists are interested in local cultures and traditions	Tourists can be seen as intrusive for some local communities

