

Finding Out: Words in Context

**Step 1:** Look at the words in bold below. Can you guess what they mean? Write a short definition in English. (Don't use your dictionary yet. You will be able to check their meanings in the next section: Definitions.)

Travelers should research the country they intend to travel to in order to avoid **cultural misunderstandings**.  
**Cultural misunderstandings** frequently happen when people visit doctors or dentists in another country.

What do you think 'cultural misunderstanding' means? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a **souvenir** shop in the hotel? I want to buy something to remember this place by.  
Local crafts make goods **souvenirs**.

What do you think 'souvenir' means? \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to **go abroad** to holidaying in this country.  
Tom is saving money so he can **go abroad** this summer.

What do you think 'go abroad' means? \_\_\_\_\_

If you don't put sun cream on before you **sunbathe**, you may get burned.  
I spend hours **sunbathing** on the beach or in my garden.

What do you think 'sunbathe' means? \_\_\_\_\_

We bought a **package tour** to Bali, which includes airfare, hotel, and guided tours.  
Would you like a **package tour** or would you like to travel independently?

What do you think 'package tour' means? \_\_\_\_\_

You may want to take a little drive out of town to find an **out-of-the-way** restaurant.  
We decided to vacation in a quiet place in the country that is really **out-of-the-way**.

What do you think 'out-of-the-way' means? \_\_\_\_\_

It will not be long before we can take a **trip** to the moon.  
These are some of the clothes that I bought during a recent shopping **trip** to Paris.

What do you think 'trip' means? \_\_\_\_\_

The area is popular with young **backpackers** because of its cheap hotels and restaurants.  
The resort happily caters to families, single travellers and **backpackers**.

What do you think 'backpacker' means? \_\_\_\_\_

It is difficult to find a hotel room in **peak season**.  
Hotel prices rise considerably during the **peak season**.

What do you think 'peak season' means? \_\_\_\_\_

I **recommend** that you get some professional advice.  
Health experts **recommend** a diet low in meats, and high in fruits and vegetables.

What do you think 'recommend' means? \_\_\_\_\_

There's **accommodation** for about five hundred students on campus.  
The government is building temporary **accommodation** for people who lost their homes in the earthquake.

What do you think 'accommodation' means? \_\_\_\_\_

The southern part of the island is world famous for its beautiful, **unspoiled** beaches.  
There are so few people that much of the country has remained **unspoiled**.

What do you think 'unspoiled' means? \_\_\_\_\_

The tourist industry is now experimenting with **ecotourism** and adventure holidays.  
The **ecotourism** activities of sightseeing, scientific surveys and exploration have become particularly popular.

What do you think 'ecotourism' means? \_\_\_\_\_

I never realized how lucky people are in this country. It's true that travel **broadens the mind**.  
The Internet can give children opportunities to **broaden their minds**.

What do you think 'broadens the mind' means? \_\_\_\_\_

Some people like to lie on the beach, but I prefer to go **sightseeing**.  
He joined the others for the scheduled **sightseeing** tours.

What do you think 'sightseeing' means? \_\_\_\_\_



Finding Out: Definitions

**Step 1:** Match the words with their definitions. (If you can't understand the definitions, you can use a bilingual dictionary.)

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| 1 cultural misunderstanding | 1 to sit or lie in the sun so that your skin becomes darker.   |
| 2 souvenir                  | 2 something that you buy during a holiday to remind you later of being there   |
| 3 go abroad                 | 3 difficult to find because of being a long way away from major towns, roads etc   |
| 4 sunbathe                  | 4 a failure to understand someone or something correctly because of cultural differences   |
| 5 package tour              | 5 a part of the year when many tourists visit a place and travel costs are therefore higher  |
| 6 out-of-the-way            | 6 to advise someone that they should do something  |
| 7 trip                      | 7 to go to a foreign country   |
| 8 backpacker                | 8 a place that has not been changed in ways that make it less beautiful or enjoyable   |
| 9 peak season               | 9 someone who travels around an area on foot or public transport, often carrying a backpack  |
| 10 recommend                | 10 the business of creating and selling holidays that give people the chance to learn about a natural environment, and cause as little damage to the environment as possible |
| 11 accommodation            | 11 a holiday that includes the cost of your hotel, transport, meals, entertainment etc.  |
| 12 unspoiled                | 12 a time when you go somewhere and come back again  |
| 13 ecotourism               | 13 the activity of travelling around a place to see the interesting things in it   |
| 14 broadens the mind        | 14 a place for someone to stay, live, or work in.  |
| 15 sightseeing              | 15 to help you understand the world and make you more able to accept other people's ideas and beliefs  |