

# Unit 17 Letter to the editor



Making references

Jamie is reading a letter to the editor about how local tours affect animals' lives. Read the letter to the editor.

Dear Editor,

## How Local Tours Affect Animals' Lives

I am writing to address the issue of how some local tours have affected the lives of many local animals **adversely** in Hong Kong.

In recent years, green tours are becoming increasingly popular among local tourists. Not only many parents like to visit organic farms with their children, lots of young people also enjoy going on nature tours with their friends. However, few of them seem to know how they should behave on these tours in order not to **disrupt** plants and animals in nature. As a local farm owner, I often see visitors from the city leaving rubbish everywhere they go, or picking flowers without asking for permission. Worst of all, **some** get extremely excited when they see wild animals and feed them with human food! Such 'kind acts' often result in illnesses or even death of the animals, as the animals may eat plastic packages which they think are food.

Moreover, many of these 'organic farm' owners and travel agencies which hold these 'nature tours' may tend to put profits before anything else. Some farm owners intentionally starve their farm animals or keep the animals in **restricted** areas without clean food or water, just to keep them 'more active' when they are fed by visitors. Then, they charge each visitor more than \$20 for just a small portion of animal food.

Although promoting green living is something we should do, I hate to admit that many of us need education on this whole issue. It is **heartrending** to see more and more animals suffer. I hereby request all of you to stop doing any more harm to animals when arranging or going on green tours!

Yours sincerely,

Leo Chow



10 mins

DATE

Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

- In line 4, the word 'adversely' means 'in a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ way'.  
 A. active                       B. certain                       C. unknown                       D. negative
- Which of the following is TRUE according to the letter to the editor?  
 A. No one litters in the countryside.  
 B. The writer owns and works on a local farm.  
 C. People like to go on cultural tours around the city.  
 D. Few people go on nature tours.
- In line 10, the word 'some' refers to some of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. local farmers                       B. local farm owners  
 C. farm animals                       D. visitors from the city
- Leo Chow thinks that we should \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. promote green living                       B. never feed wild animals  
 C. learn more about green tours                       D. all of the above

Tip

Q2: The wording used in the options may be different from that in the letter.



Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- Suggest ONE thing many local farm owners do to animals to make more profits.

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- What does Leo Chow want the readers to do?

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Fill in each blank with ONE word from the letter to the editor. Change the word form when necessary.

Jamie: It's 7. \_\_\_\_\_ to learn that many animals are actually suffering because of what humans have done.

Sarah: I 8. \_\_\_\_\_ that there are some selfish people around, but there are still a lot of people who care about the animals. Let's see how we can help!