

2 Read the text and identify examples of *there, it* and *-ing* forms.



How International Travel has Changed

ONCE THE preserve of the wealthy and privileged, flying is now available to almost anyone. The emergence of budget airlines has made international travel affordable to the masses. There were just a few hundred thousand flights per year in the 1950s, now there are something like 25 million. As a result, mass tourism

has become a major economic factor for many countries. Wealth has been brought to a number of poorer nations, but there has been a downside. It has become increasingly common to see coastlines disfigured with concrete hotels, to see ancient monuments damaged by the sheer weight of visitor numbers, and to witness the destruction of natural environments.

3 Complete the diagnostic test below. Choose the correct words in *italics*. If both options are correct, choose both.

- 1 Passengers stumbled and luggage flew from the racks as the driver suddenly *stopped the train* / *stopped*. ➤ Unit 41.1
- 2 The children came into the kitchen and were delighted when their mother *put on the table a freshly-baked cake* / *put a freshly-baked cake on the table*. ➤ Unit 41.3
- 3 Surely you don't always want to remain *to be an outsider* / *an outsider* here? ➤ Unit 42.1
- 4 Dilip called his boss *dishonest* / *a liar*. ➤ Unit 42.2
- 5 Can you show *to us the way to the motorway* / *us the way to the motorway*? ➤ Unit 42.3
- 6 The never-ending care and devotion of the nurses in the hospital helped *to overcome cancer my father* / *my father to overcome cancer*. ➤ Unit 42.4
- 7 Can you explain how *operate* / *to operate* the new software? ➤ Unit 42.5
- 8 It's a great hotel. There's *a* / *the* huge flatscreen TV in every room! ➤ Unit 43.1
- 9 The army doesn't anticipate there *being* / *be* much resistance in the area. ➤ Unit 43.2
- 10 We thought *was a pity* / *it a pity* that they left the party so early. ➤ Unit 43.4
- 11 Look at her performance. *There's* / *It's* no doubt that she should get the prize. ➤ Unit 44.1
- 12 *It* / *There* looks as though our team's going to win, after all. ➤ Unit 44.2
- 13 We were furious when the judge ordered *to pay* / *us to pay* compensation. ➤ Unit 45.3
- 14 We got there only *finding* / *to find* that the concert had been cancelled. ➤ Unit 45.4
- 15 You're welcome *help* / *to help* yourself to anything from the fridge. ➤ Unit 45.5
- 16 The *dispensing* / *dispensing of* medical aid is the main activity of the Red Cross. ➤ Unit 46.1
- 17 It's strange that you didn't mention *resigning* / *your husband resigning*. ➤ Unit 46.2
- 18 Despite budget constraints, the BBC continues *to make* / *making* innovative programmes. ➤ Unit 46.3
- 19 Dean's so sorry; he really didn't mean *to hurt* / *hurting* you. ➤ Unit 46.4
- 20 As the plane flew over, we saw the workers *build* / *building* the new opera house. ➤ Unit 46.5

4 Check your answers on page 384. Then go to the unit for more information and practice.