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本題評量根據語境推敲含意的能力。Ortega 是第一篇文章的作者，而 Oslob 位於菲律賓的一個小鎮。作者提到可以在 Oslob 看到數目日漸減少的鯨鯊 (whale sharks) 以及付費的旅客 (paying visitors)。第二篇文章也出現其他關鍵字，包括觀賞鯨鯊 (whale sharks watching)、民宿 (hostel)、渡假村 (resort) 等。這些字都與旅遊、觀光有關，因此可合理推論答案為 B。

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菲律賓附近海域是鯨鯊的家鄉，世界上體型最大的魚類。然而，有些鯨鯊正遭違法捕殺取得它們的肉、鰭與皮膚，導致鯨鯊數量持續減少。

儘管如此，你仍可以在一個地方看到鯨鯊的蹤影：奧斯洛布 (Oslob)。每天早上，鯨鯊們會聚集在奧斯洛布的海灣等待餵食。受雇的當地人會划著獨木舟接近鯨鯊以便餵食，而參觀旅客圍繞在四周想與這些動物們合照。

這個未經思慮的行為引來批評，認為這麼做會對鯨鯊造成負面影響。這種生物一般以魚類和水草為食。但在奧斯洛布，他們用磷蝦餵食鯨鯊。當地人利用這種模樣似蝦的生物吸引鯨鯊前來奧斯洛布，但磷蝦並不足以提供鯨鯊所需的營養。

磷蝦容易取得，反而造成奧斯洛布的鯨鯊無法如以往遷徙。目前還無法得知當鯨鯊被限制停留在同一處會有什麼後果，或是對它們的社交互動造成什麼影響。

科學家擔心餵食行為會造成鯨鯊將船與食物連結。日後，他們可能會尾隨商業漁船，漁船的螺旋槳很可能使他們受傷。

難過的是，旅遊業者未重視這些擔憂。只要鯨鯊來了，這些業者便會試圖從中獲利。

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早上我在奧斯洛布和鯨鯊一起游泳，超棒！這群溫柔的巨獸一邊游過我身邊、輕觸我的腳，一邊大口吞食船上丟下的磷蝦。而我只花了 300 元披索。太划算了！

在我們團上岸後，導遊告訴我們觀賞鯨鯊的行程幫助這個當地城鎮繼續延續。上百民漁夫現正受雇於賞鯨旅遊公司。也有許多漁民仰賴販售這些公司每天所需的磷蝦獲利。另外，更有數十間民宿、賓館、渡假村在奧斯洛布開幕，提供旅客住宿。

至於鯨鯊們呢，他們吃飽，只要留在岸邊就遇到非法捕魚者。所以我想參加這些賞鯨團，我們作為旅客也能幫助保護瀕臨絕種的動物呢！

