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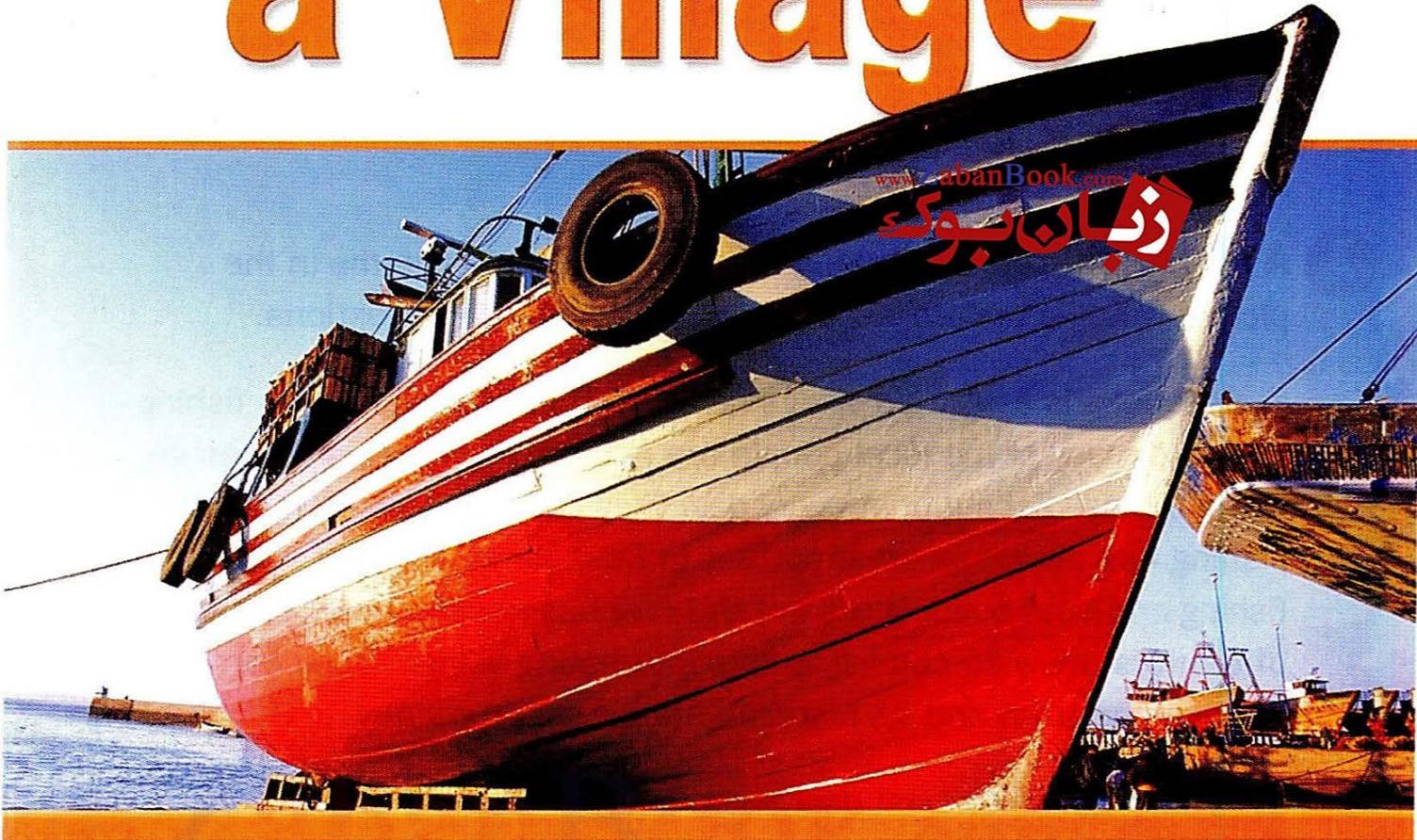
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Words to Know

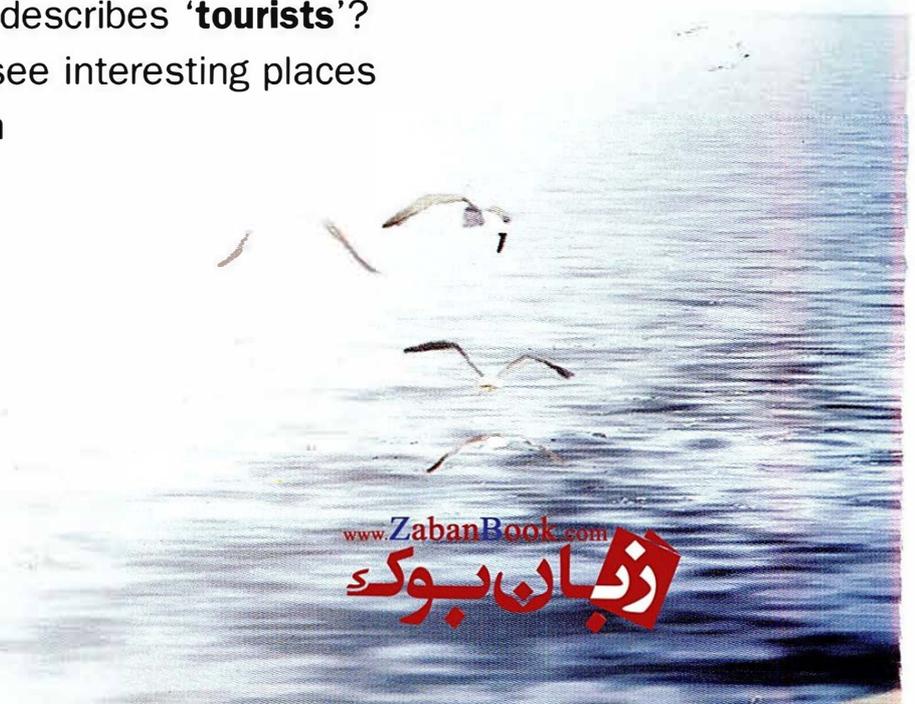
This story is set in Northwest Africa. It happens in Morocco, in the village of Essaouira [esəwɪərə].



- A** **A Fishing Village.** Read the paragraph. Label the items in the picture with the underlined words. Then answer the questions.

Essaouira is a very old village near the Atlantic Ocean. It's a fishing **port** and many of the local people are fishermen. Most fishermen go out in a small fishing boat every day. They catch fish and sell them. Fishing has always been important in Essaouira. However, today fishing and boat building are not the only businesses here. Groups of **tourists** are also coming to this interesting village. They come to enjoy the town and its history—and to spend money.

1. Which definition best describes '**port**'?
 - a. a place by the sea where boats arrive and leave
 - b. an area in the middle of the ocean
2. Which definition best describes '**tourists**'?
 - a. visitors who go to see interesting places
 - b. a type of fisherman



B A Tourist Centre. Complete the paragraph with the words in the box. Then answer the questions.

culture environment pollution tourism

(1) _____ is the business of bringing visitors to an area. However, both benefits and problems come with tourists. Tourism can affect the (2) _____, or nature, of a place. It can increase (3) _____ by making the area unclean and noisy. Tourism can also affect the (4) _____ of a group of people. It can make them forget their traditions and history.

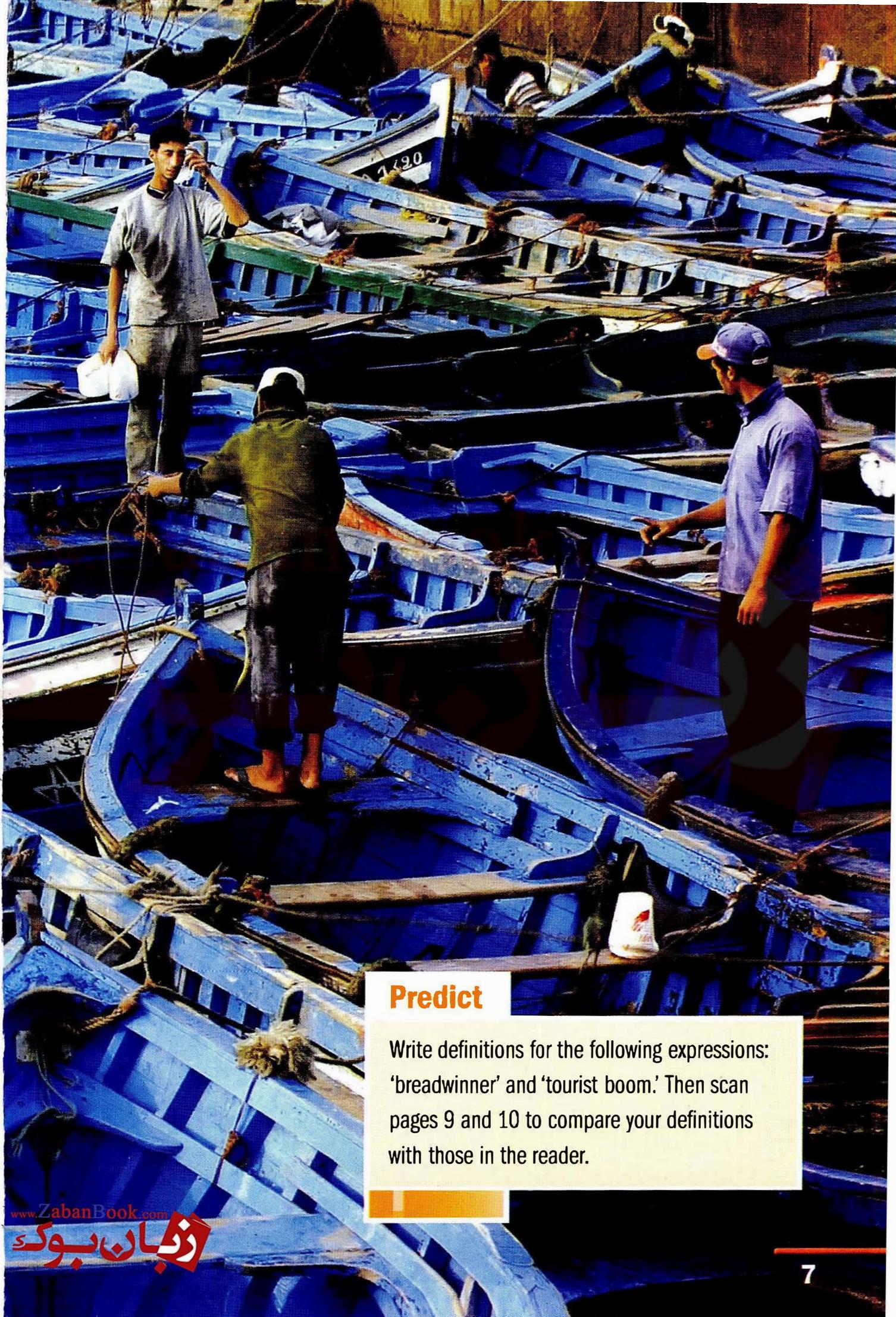
1. What are some of the benefits of tourism? _____
2. What are some of the problems with tourism? _____



Essaouira's fishermen are preparing for another year out on the waters of the Atlantic Ocean. All around this port in Morocco, you can hear the sounds of boat building and smell **fresh**¹ paint in the air. Everything seems great in Essaouira. It looks like the fishing business is good.

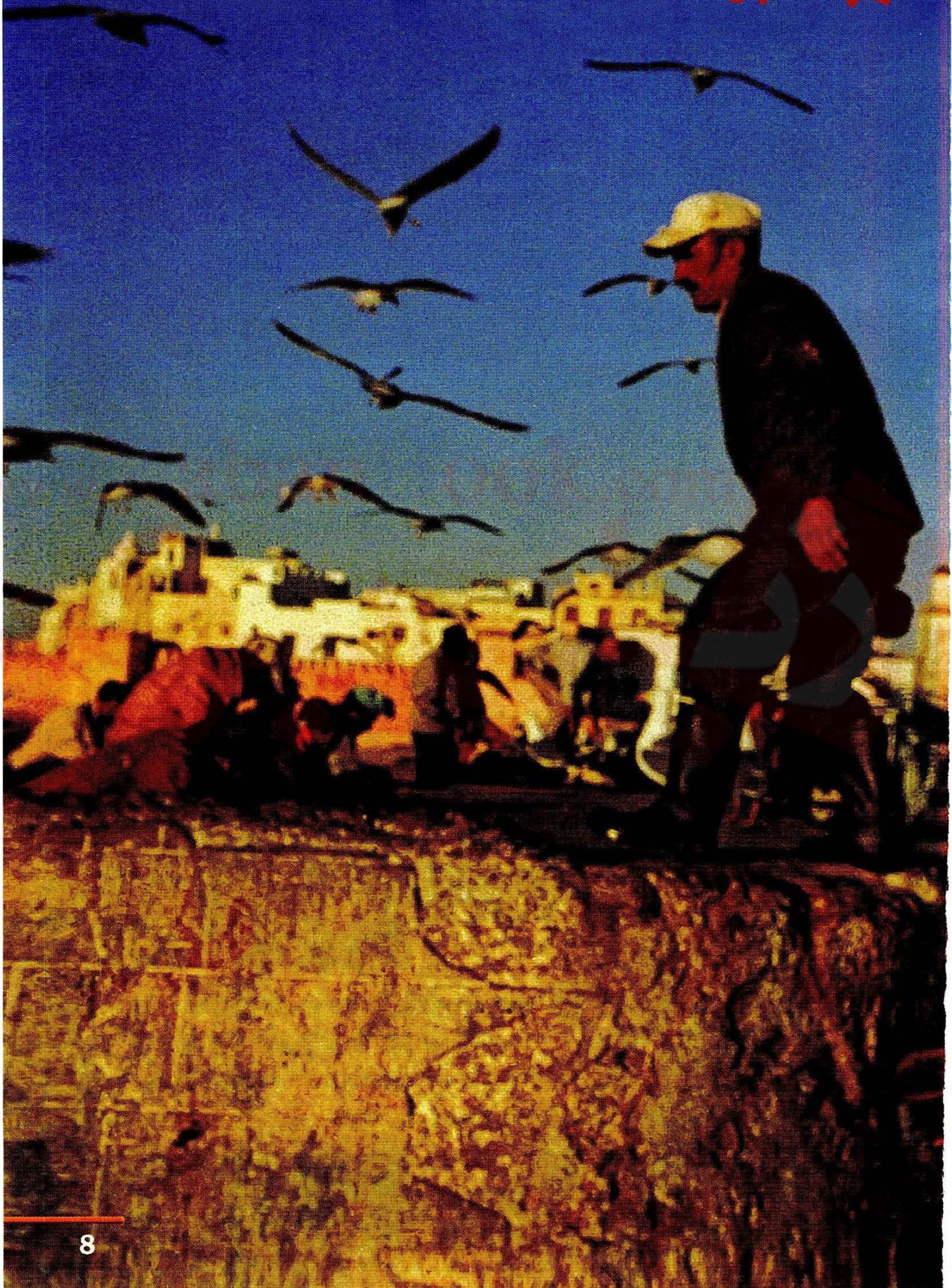
¹**fresh:** new

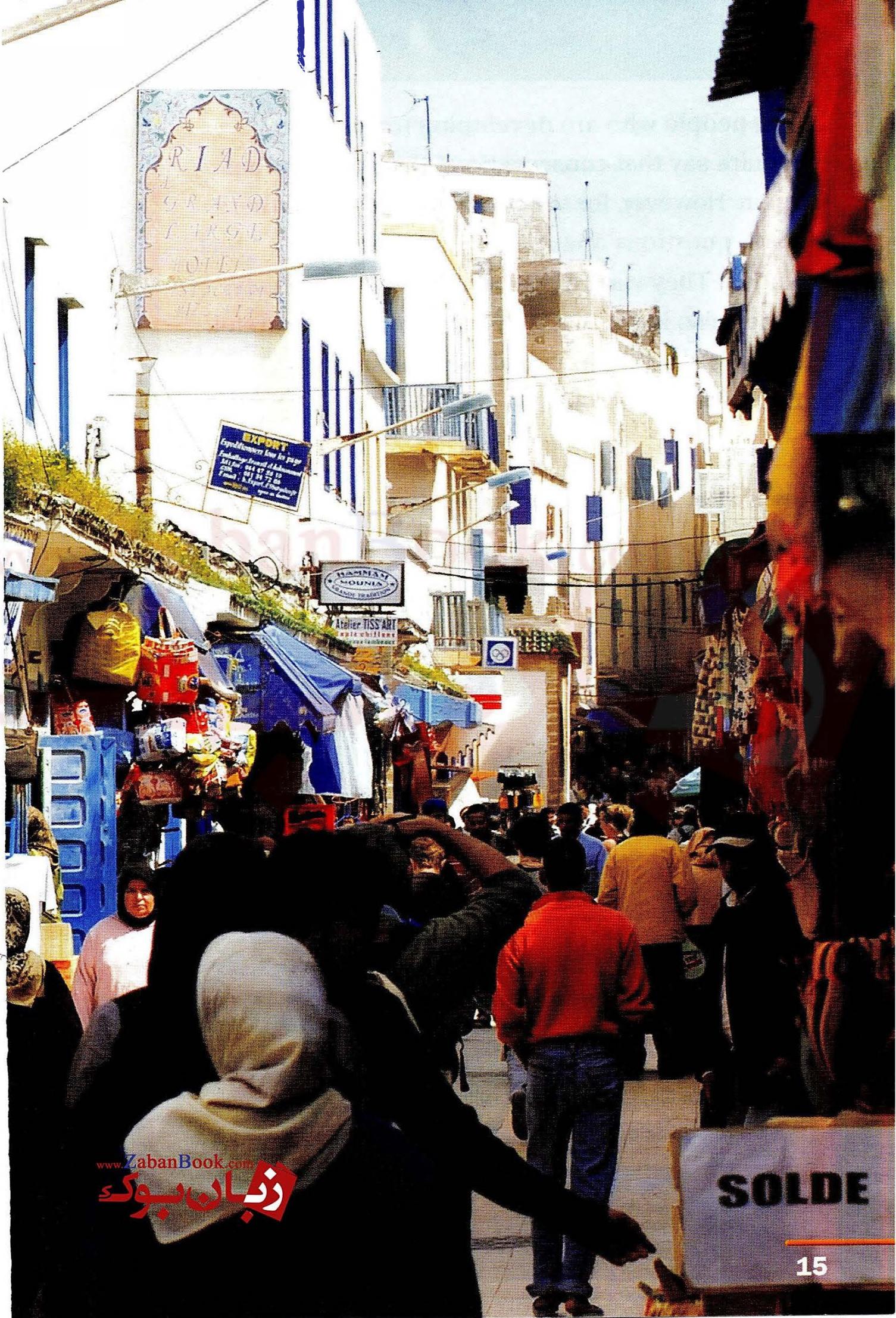


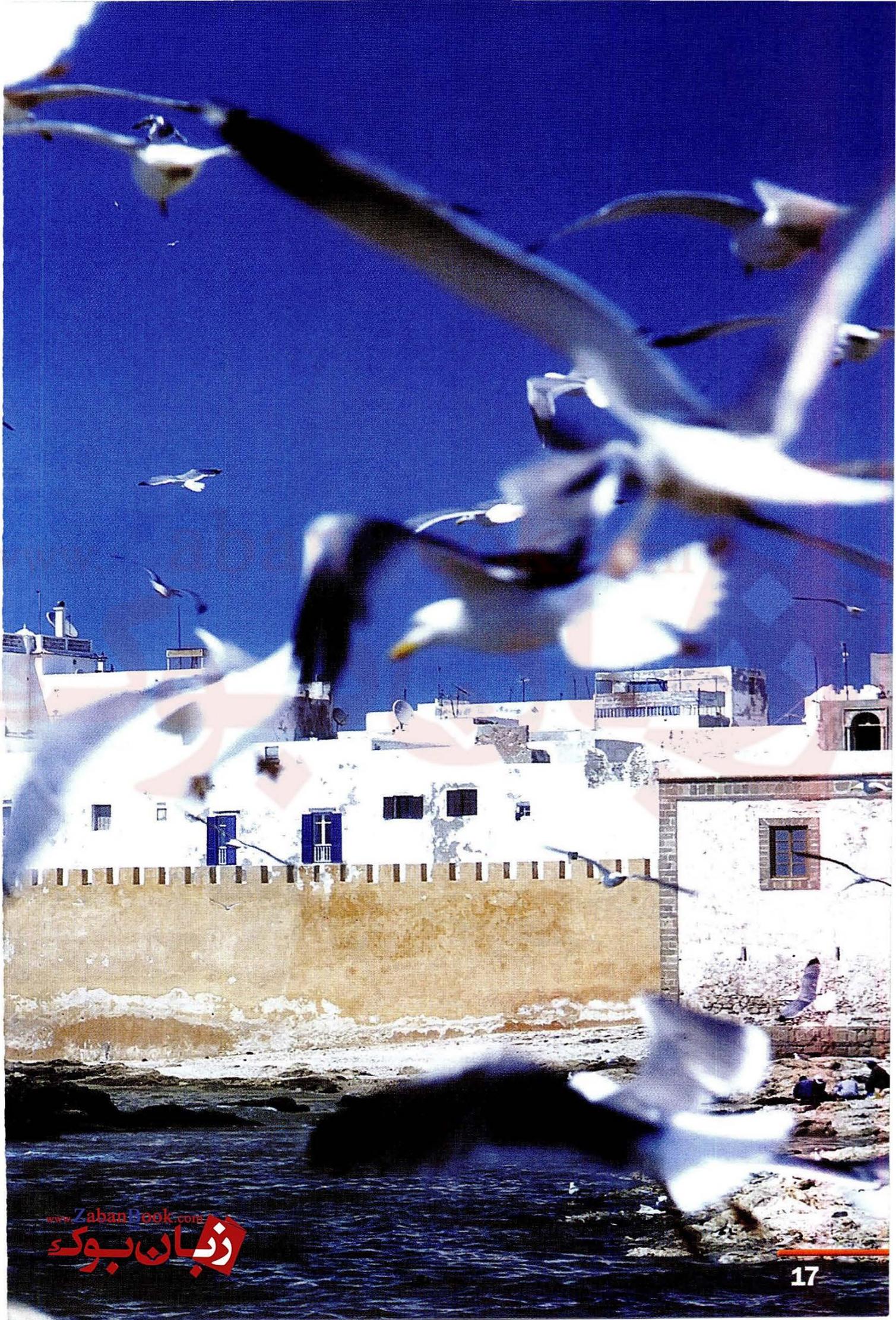


Predict

Write definitions for the following expressions: 'breadwinner' and 'tourist boom.' Then scan pages 9 and 10 to compare your definitions with those in the reader.







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Is fishing now part of Essaouira's past? Maybe. Perhaps this quiet fishing port now has a chance to make a new life for itself; a life for the future.

The people of Essaouira have to make some very important decisions. Will they be able to control the pollution? Will they be able to save the environment? Will they further develop tourism? No one knows. The people of Essaouira do know one thing; what they do now is important. The future of their beautiful little village may depend on the decisions they make today.

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The sand on Maui's beaches can be different colours.

Most tourists visit Maui because of the beaches. They are especially interesting because the sand in some places is white and in other places it can appear to be black, red, or even green.

Unfortunately, Maui's travel industry does have some serious problems. First of all, the two million tourists who visit the island each year need somewhere to stay. Therefore, land developers have built many large buildings in some of the most beautiful areas. Many of them are not very nice to look at. The buildings have also had a bad effect on the environment and there has been an increase in air and water pollution. Conservation groups have tried, but they are not able to slow this growth.

In addition, tourists need people to care for them. Therefore, more people are now living on the island all year round. In the 1960s, the number of people living on Maui was about 40,000. Today it is almost 140,000!

The traditional Hawaiian culture is now no longer easy to find. Some old villages no longer exist. The people of Maui must make some important decisions for their future. They must decide how to save their island and keep tourists happy at the same time.



Word Count: 316

Time: _____



Vocabulary List

- boat building** (2, 4)
boom (7, 10)
breadwinner (7, 9)
compete with (6)
conservation (16)
culture (3, 10, 14, 16)
environment (3, 14, 19)
fish (2, 6)
fishermen (2, 4, 6)
fishing boat (2, 6)
fresh (4)
pollution (3, 14, 16, 19)
port (2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 19)
sell out (14)
survive (6)
tourism (3, 9, 10, 14, 16)
tourist (2, 9, 10)
village (2, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 19)

FASCINATING PLACES

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Essaouira is a beautiful old town by the sea. Most local people there are fishermen. However, the number of fish has gone down. Now, there are not as many jobs for the people. How will the fishermen make money to live? What will happen to the town?

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