

SELECTION

55 ITEMS

Read the dialogue.

SPORTS IN COSTA RICA

SITUATION: Sara and Susan are talking about sports in Costa Rica and the United States.

Sara: Where are you from in the United States, Susan?

Susan: I am from Seattle, in the state of Washington.

Sara: What sports do people practice there?

Susan: Like the rest of the United States, people love basketball and baseball, which are the most popular sports in the United States.

Sara: We also practice basketball in Costa Rica, but it is not as popular as in the United States.

Susan: Yes, I see. Costa Ricans prefer soccer, right? That is the most popular sport there.

Sara: Yes, it is, but nowadays some extreme sports are gaining popularity such as bungee jumping, white-water rafting and surfing.

Susan: North American people like coming to Costa Rica to practice surfing. It has excellent spots to practice this sport. Also, in the United States, people love American football. I am a fan of it.

Sara: Here in Costa Rica, people don't practice that sport very often. There are other popular sports such as volleyball, racquetball and cycling.

Susan: Let's go to the tomorrow morning. I'll teach you how to play.

Sara: I like the idea. Thanks.

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous dialogue.

1) In the United States, basketball is _____ in Costa Rica.

- A) as important as
- B) less practiced than
- C) less important than
- D) more important than

2) In the United States, the most popular sports are _____.

- A) extreme sports
- B) soccer and volleyball
- C) baseball and volleyball
- D) baseball and basketball

3) Based on the conversation, two extreme sports are _____.

- A) soccer and baseball
- B) cycling and volleyball
- C) American football and soccer
- D) white-water rafting and bungee jumping

4) North Americans travel to Costa Rica to _____.

- A) play American football
- B) practice extreme sports
- C) play Costa Rican soccer
- D) practice traditional sports

Read the text.

GROWING POPULARITY



Extreme sports are growing in popularity, especially among young people. New types of extreme activities continue to be developed. Some argue that the popularity is due to marketing trends. They say that marketing strategies give some extreme sports a dangerous image, even though not all of them involve high risks of danger. These sports also are gaining a large audience and growing in popularity and participation. For example, magazines, websites, equipment and gear for extreme sports continue to sprout up (evolve) in order to promote these types of sports. Some of them are surfing, hiking, rafting, and mountain biking. Certain versions of extreme sports require proper training, while other types, such as mountain biking, can be performed without professional guidance. Whatever sport is going to be practiced, it is important to use the appropriate equipment and proper safety precautions. For example, it is really mandatory to use a professional bike when going mountain biking. As people, young and old, continue practicing these activities more of them will understand what extreme sports are nowadays.

Adapted from
www.catalogs.com/info/sports

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the text.

- 5) Extreme sports are gaining popularity _____.
 - A) mainly among old people
 - B) among people of all ages
 - C) mainly among young people
 - D) among professional sports people

- 6) Today, magazines and websites promote _____.
 - A) the practice of extreme sports
 - B) the practice of traditional sports
 - C) professional supervision when practicing sports
 - D) professional courses to practice traditional sports

- 7) Practicing any extreme sports requires _____.
 - A) previous training
 - B) years of experience
 - C) proper training and experience
 - D) the use of the appropriate equipment

- 8) It is unnecessary to _____ when practicing mountain biking.
 - A) use a professional bike
 - B) wear cycling equipment
 - C) have professional supervision
 - D) use the appropriate equipment

Read the text.

SWIMMING POOL REVOLUTION



Sylvia started swimming when she was a little girl at the Cariari Country Club. By 1981, when she was only 11, Poll began to win gold medals at the Central American and Caribbean Swimming Championships and at other Central American Competitions. In 1986 while competing at the Caribbean Games in the Dominican Republic, she was named the "Queen" because she won ten gold medals and broke 11 regional records in several competitions.

Like María del Milagro Paris, Silvia began as a revolutionary and tall teenager changing the Costa Rican sports culture one more time. At the height of her career Sylvia became one of Latin America's greatest athletes and the world's best swimmers. She won 612 medals and 90 trophies. She broke 290 records and she was included in the world rankings.

After Sylvia retired from competitive swimming in the middle of the 90's, she studied Business Administration, Marketing and Journalism. She worked for "Radio Columbia" and wrote a column for the newspaper Al Día.

Adapted from The Tico Times

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the text.

- 9) Sylvia began swimming at _____.
- A) the Caribbean Games
 - B) the Dominican Republic
 - C) the Cariari Country Club
 - D) Central American competitions
- 10) Sylvia Poll became the best swimmer from _____ in the middle of 90's.
- A) a foreign country
 - B) the town of Cariari
 - C) the Dominican Republic
 - D) the country of Costa Rica
- 11) Sylvia was named the "Queen" because she _____.
- A) wrote articles for Al Día
 - B) worked for Radio Columbia
 - C) broke some regional records
 - D) started swimming at the Cariari Country
- 12) When she was sixteen, she _____.
- A) got twelve trophies
 - B) won ten gold medals
 - C) studied Business Administration
 - D) wrote a column about being the "Queen"

Read the text.

GABRIEL BADILLA SEGURA



Gabriel Badilla Segura is a successful Costa Rican soccer player. He began his career with Deportivo Saprissa in 2001. His team won two national championships as well as a UNCAF Cup title and a CONCACAF Champions Cup title. Gabriel Badilla was part of the team that played at the 2005 FIFA Club World Championship Toyota Cup and finished third behind São Paulo and Liverpool. Before that, Gabriel Badilla was the captain of the Costa Rican National Team that played at the 2001 FIFA U-17 World Championship held in Trinidad and Tobago.

Gabriel Badilla has also played for the Costa Rica National Soccer Team since 2005. He made his debut with the National Team in a friendly game against China in 2005. He played at the 2006 FIFA World Cup in Germany, too. Then, Gabriel Badilla played for Costa Rica in a game at the 2005 CONCACAF Gold Cup as well as at four games at the 2007 CONCACAF Gold Cup. Gabriel Badilla also signed with an American soccer team called the New England Revolution in 2008. He became an important part of the Revolution backline as the 2008 season progressed. Badilla was released (to allow somebody to be free) by New England in 2010. Most recently, he played in two qualifying games for the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

Adapted from www.ranker.com

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

13) Gabriel Badilla started off by playing with _____.

- A) Liverpool
- B) Sao Paulo
- C) Deportivo Saprissa
- D) New England Revolution

- 14) Internationally, Gabriel Badilla played with _____.
- A) Deportivo Saprissa
 - B) German National Team
 - C) Chinese National Team
 - D) New England Revolution
- 15) Since 2005, Gabriel Badilla has _____.
- A) won more than two World Cups
 - B) played with different national teams
 - C) played with the Costa Rican National Team
 - D) been the captain of the national soccer team
- 16) Gabriel Badilla was the captain of the national soccer team during the _____.
- A) 2010 FIFA World Cup
 - B) 2005 CONCACAF Gold Cup
 - C) FIFA Club World Championship in
 - D) 2001 FIFA U-17 World Championship
- 17) In 2008, Gabriel Badilla played with _____.
- A) Deportivo Saprissa
 - B) Chinese National Team
 - C) New England Revolution
 - D) Costa Rican National Team

Read the information.

MULTI-USE RICE COOKER



This appliance should be cleaned when it is cold and after every use.

Unplug the Multi-Use Rice Cooker from the outlet when not in use before cleaning. Never immerse the heating body in water or in any other liquid.

- Do not use rough cleaners or steel wool to clean this appliance.
- Dry the heating body with a soft cloth.
- Fill the inner pot with hot water and wash it with hot soapy water.
- Wash the lid and measuring cup with warm, soapy water.
- To remove cooked rice, smooth sandpaper can be used.
- Do not attempt to repair this appliance yourself.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous information.

- 18) According to the text, to maintain the appliance in good condition _____.
- A) never use it
 - B) repair it yourself
 - C) dry it with a rough cloth
 - D) never place the appliance in water
- 19) The inner pot should be cleaned with _____.
- A) a cold liquid
 - B) hot soapy water
 - C) all kinds of liquid
 - D) a cold dry sponge

- 20) To remove cooked rice users must use _____.
- A) a steel wool
 - B) a lot of water
 - C) cleaning metal
 - D) smooth sandpaper
- 21) It's **not convenient** to clean the rice cooker when it is _____.
- A) cold
 - B) not in use
 - C) plugged in
 - D) unplugged
- 22) The rice cooker can be used again _____.
- A) while cooking any liquid
 - B) after cleaning the inner pot
 - C) before washing the measuring cup
 - D) after immersing the heating body in water
- 23) The Multi-Use Rice Cooker should be _____.
- A) washed with steel wool
 - B) plugged in after every use
 - C) unplugged when not in use
 - D) cleaned with rough cleaners

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence below.

24) The root of the word destroyed is _____.

- A) ed
- B) des
- C) troy
- D) destroy

25) The prefix of the word improve is _____.

- A) im
- B) ove
- C) proof
- D) prove

Read the text.

AVIATION



Aviation includes all flying done by general aviation, the military and any airlines. Commercial airlines serve about 450 companies in the United States at 14,000 airports. General aviation airplanes have many different uses including business, air taxi, rental, customer operations, personal transportation, sport flying, flight instruction, air ambulance and agriculture. Aviation has three divisions: commercial, military and general aviation.

- **COMMERCIAL AVIATION:** Commercial aviation refers to the airlines. Airliners can range in size from commuter aircrafts, which are sometimes so small that these planes only carry a few passengers, to major carriers flying Boeing 747s, which can carry several hundreds of passengers.
- **MILITARY AVIATION:** It is related to the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force. The military flies a variety of aircraft types including bombers, fighters, transports, and helicopters.
- **GENERAL AVIATION:** It is all flying outside the military and the airlines.

Taken from the Internet

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

- 26) The text talks about _____.
- A) 14,000 air taxis
 - B) 14,000 operations
 - C) the misuse of air taxi
 - D) the difference between aerial transportation

- 27) The advantage of a Boeing 747s plane is that it _____.
- A) serves for the Navy
 - B) belongs to the Air Force
 - C) can carry hundreds of people
 - D) can be in 450 airports at the same time
- 28) According to the text, companies use airplanes to _____.
- A) fly over military places
 - B) avoid agricultural uses
 - C) use the air ambulance service
 - D) fly with 14,000 people every day
- 29) One of the aviation divisions is for _____.
- A) business
 - B) flight instruction
 - C) commercial aviation
 - D) personal transportation
- 30) Some companies use general aviation for _____.
- A) business and rental operations
 - B) agricultural business and navy operations
 - C) military purposes and carrying a few passengers
 - D) flights of instructions and connections among airlines
- 31) The military uses _____ as a part of their aircrafts.
- A) airlines
 - B) helicopters
 - C) Boeing 747s
 - D) commercial airplanes

A COMPUTER



A computer is a machine that can be programmed to manipulate symbols. Its main characteristics are the following:

- It responds to a specific set of instructions in a well-defined manner.
- It can execute a pre-recorded list of instructions (a program).
- It can quickly store and retrieve large amounts of data.

Therefore, computers can perform complex and repetitive procedures quickly, precisely and reliably. Modern computers are electronic and digital. The physical machinery (wires, transistors, and circuits) is called hardware. The data and instructions are called software.

In all general purposes, computers require the following hardware components:

- The central processing unit (CPU) is the heart of the computer. This is the component that actually executes instructions organized in programs (software) which tell the computer what to do.
- Memory (fast, expensive, short-term memory) enables (able to do something) a computer to store, at least temporarily, data, programs and intermediate results.
- Mass storage is a slower, cheaper, long-term memory device. It allows a computer to permanently retain large amounts of data and programs between jobs. Common mass storage devices include disk drives and tape drives.
- An input device is usually a keyboard and a mouse. An input device is the way through which data and instructions enter a computer.
- An output device is a display screen, printer, or any other device that lets people see what the computer has accomplished.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

32) Disk drives and tape drives are _____.

- A) input devices
- B) output devices
- C) mass store devices
- D) a part of the central processing unit

- 33) The hardware of a computer consists of _____.
- A) the data and instructions
 - B) wires, transistors and circuits
 - C) the central processing unit only
 - D) a set of information and circuits
- 34) Information enters the computers through _____.
- A) input devices
 - B) output devices
 - C) mass storage devices
 - D) the central processing unit
- 35) Output devices permit users to _____.
- A) store and file the information
 - B) put information into the computer
 - C) execute instructions and commands
 - D) see what the computer has accomplished

Read the text.

COMPUTER PROGRAMS



The terms computer programs, software program, or just program are the instructions for a computer. A computer requires programs to function or work. These programs need a set of instructions that are executed (done) by the central processor to work. Computer programs refer to either an executable program or the source code from which an executable program is derived.

A computer source code is often written by professionals known as "computer programmers". Also, computer programs may be categorized along functional lines: system software and application software.

Most computer programs may work simultaneously on a single computer. It is a process known as multitasking.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the text.

36) A computer needs a _____ to function.

- A) specific code
- B) computer source
- C) set of instructions
- D) written computer code

37) Computer programmers write _____.

- A) software programs
- B) multitask processes
- C) computer instructions
- D) computer source codes

38) The central processor _____.

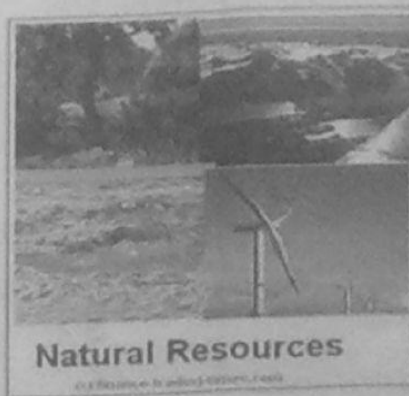
- A) follows the instructions
- B) executes the instructions
- C) writes executable software
- D) categorizes computer programs

39) A multitasking process consists of _____ at the same time.

- A) categorizing functional lines
- B) executing different instructions
- C) writing different programming codes
- D) working on many computing programs

Read the text.

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES



There are many ways people can contribute to the conservation of natural resources which are very important and necessary because people need them to survive. People have to help conservation before natural resources are exhausted. People are the ones who have been destroying these resources. Therefore, people need to collaborate as much as possible to save them. Simple changes in people's daily activities and ideas can help a lot. Save water at home. Choose a particular day to wash your clothes. When brushing your teeth, don't keep the water running. Don't use your car to go to work; take public transportation. Many cars on the streets pollute the air. Clean air is essential for a healthy life. If you have to use your car, share it with your family or friends. Talk about the importance of natural resources whenever it is possible. Use recycled material and don't pollute rivers with plastic material. Protect wildlife areas. These are simple examples of rules people can follow in order to have a better life and to save the environment not only for us, but also for future generations. Nowadays, people have the responsibility to take care of natural resources.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

- 40) It is necessary _____ to participate in natural resources conservation.
- A) to use the car to go to work
 - B) not to use recycled material
 - C) not to take public transportation
 - D) to wash the clothes on a specific day

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41) People need natural resources to _____.

- A) live
- B) import cars
- C) pollute rivers
- D) preserve activities

42) Each person has to collaborate in _____ natural resources.

- A) saving
- B) planting
- C) studying
- D) changing

43) Natural resources are being destroyed by _____.

- A) nature
- B) people
- C) disasters
- D) endangered animals

44) Using public transportation is one way that can help maintain _____.

- A) clean air
- B) plastic material
- C) recycled material
- D) future generations

45) Plastic material can _____.

- A) clean the area
- B) pollute the rivers
- C) protect a healthy life
- D) save natural resources

46) People have the responsibility to _____.

- A) share their life
- B) talk about rules
- C) use their car to go to work
- D) save and protect the environment

47) Air, water and wildlife are part of the world's _____.

- A) daily activities
- B) polluted material
- C) natural resources
- D) examples of rules

Read the text.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS AS A SOURCE OF INFORMATION



Encyclopedias can contain articles about topics in many different fields, for example the English-language Encyclopedia Britannica, or they can specialize in a particular field (such as an encyclopedia of medicine, philosophy or law). There are also encyclopedias that cover a wide variety of topics about a particular culture, ethnic group (a national or racial group of people), or a national perspective as the Great Soviet Encyclopedia.

The target audience may influence the amount and kind of information; a children's encyclopedia is narrower than one for adults.

A systematic method of organization is essential for making an encyclopedia usable as a work of reference. There are different methods of organizing printed encyclopedias: the alphabetical method (consisting of a number of separate volumes, organized in alphabetical order), or organization by hierarchical (order of importance) categories. The fluidity of electronic media allows new possibilities for multiple methods of organization.

Adapted from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Encyclopedia>

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

48) An Encyclopedia of Medicine is an example of _____.

- A) an encyclopedia of a specific topic
- B) an alphabetical organized encyclopedia
- C) an encyclopedia with cultural information
- D) a more organized encyclopedia with different perspectives

49) The alphabetical method of a printed encyclopedia constitutes of _____

- A) multiple methods of organization
- B) new information added to an electronic volume
- C) specific information in a separate volume of that encyclopedia
- D) a number of separate volumes, organized in alphabetical order

50) A systematic method of organization makes encyclopedias have _____

- A) only one audience
- B) to discover new racial groups
- C) varied information on philosophy
- D) different methods of organization

51) The Great Soviet Encyclopedia is an example of an encyclopedia with _____

- A) a variety of races
- B) a hierarchical order
- C) a national perspective
- D) different fields of study

Read the text.

SPECIES ON THE PLANET

More than half of all the species on the planet are found in rainforests, the destruction of these forests will cause serious environmental consequences. The primary reasons for deforestation have economic purposes, including the extraction of hardwood for fuel and the clear-cutting of land for agriculture and cattle ranching. However, because of the disastrous consequences of the past, many nations – including Costa Rica – have embarked on projects to promote ecotourism that results in a reconciliation of development and conservation strategies to achieve sustainable development and preserve the rainforest. In short, ecotourism is defined as “purposeful travel that creates an understanding of cultural and natural history, while safeguarding the integrity of the ecosystem and producing economic benefits that encourage conservation”. Costa Rica embarked on implementing ecotourism programs for two primary reasons: first, because tourism is one of the fastest growing sectors of many economies in Latin America and because of its ability to generate needed foreign exchange which is critical for developing countries. Second, ecotourism has been argued to be a win-win situation for local inhabitants, the environment, as well as the economy in general as the country moves toward achieving sustainable development.



Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

52) The rainforest is vital for _____.

- A) cattle ranching
- B) living creatures
- C) the clear-cutting of wood
- D) the extraction of hardwood

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- 53) Deforestation mainly occurs to _____.
- A) develop plants
 - B) plant more trees
 - C) improve the forests
 - D) acquire economic benefits
- 54) One conservation strategy to keep the forests is to _____.
- A) develop ecotourism
 - B) create cattle ranching
 - C) use hardwood for fuel
 - D) clear land for agriculture
- 55) The development of ecotourism will _____.
- A) ruin the forests in Costa Rica
 - B) create problems for the environment
 - C) cause devastation in Latin American countries
 - D) benefit the citizens, the environment and the national economy ←