

SELECCIÓN ÚNICA

55 ÍTEMS

Read the text.

### BOWLING EQUIPMENT



This is an indoor sport practiced by people of all ages. The equipment required for bowling consists of the following items:

A bowling ball: It is necessary for the bowler to be able to pick up the bowling ball with two hands and swing it back and forth with one hand with ease. The fingers and thumb should fit relaxed inside the holes. The weight of the ball, ranging from 6 to 14 pounds, will be determined by the bowlers. The bowler can't play properly without the right ball which is the most important piece of the bowling equipment.

A pair of bowling shoes: Bowling shoes allow bowlers to slide their feet properly along the floor.

A bowling bag: It is used to keep one's own ball after playing.

A rosin bag: It is used to provide athletes with dry hands.

A bowling towel: It is used to remove dirt or oil from the ball to keep it clean.

Adapted from [www.specialolympics.org](http://www.specialolympics.org)


Choose the appropriate option to answer each question based on the previous text.  
(Items from 1 to 4)

- 1) Who can practice this sport?
  - A) Only men
  - B) Only women
  - C) People of all ages
  - D) Young women and kids

- 2) What does the bowler need to slide properly? A \_\_\_\_\_
- A) rosin bag
  - B) bowling ball
  - C) pair of bowling shoes
  - D) pair of bowling towels
- 3) What is the most important item required to practice bowling?
- A) A bag
  - B) Some towels
  - C) A pair of shoes
  - D) The appropriate ball
- 4) What is a bowling towel used for? To \_\_\_\_\_
- A) clean the ball
  - B) swing the ball
  - C) pick up the equipment
  - D) dry one of the bowler's hands

Read the dialogue.

<b>Situation:</b>	Stuart and his friends are going out. He calls Amy.
<b>Stuart:</b>	Amy. Hi, how are you doing?
<b>Amy:</b>	Oh, hi Stuart. School is so crazy these days, and when I'm not at school, I'm at work.
<b>Stuart:</b>	Hey, listen. I'm calling you because I'm getting together with Sara and Paul and some other friends tonight. We're going out to eat and then see a movie. Why don't you come with us?
<b>Amy:</b>	Hey, I'd love to, but I have to study for a test tomorrow.
<b>Stuart:</b>	Ah, come on. We're planning on having dinner around 6:30 and then seeing a movie at 7:30.
<b>Amy:</b>	I don't think I should. I haven't been feeling well lately.
<b>Stuart:</b>	Yeah, it's because you study too much. Come on! Relax. And it's Sara's birthday, too. And we're planning a birthday party for her after the movie.
<b>Amy:</b>	Oh. Okay.
<b>Stuart:</b>	Great. I'll pick you up at 6:00 p.m.



Adapted from [www.esl-lab.com/nightlife/nightlifesc1.htm](http://www.esl-lab.com/nightlife/nightlifesc1.htm)

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous dialogue.  
(Items from 5 to 8)

5) Stuart called Amy to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) invite her to go out
- B) ask her a question about her job
- C) invite her to Paul's birthday party
- D) ask her some questions about an exam

- 6) After having dinner, Stuart and his friends are \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) going to pick up Amy
  - B) going to study together
  - C) planning to see a movie
  - D) celebrating Amy's birthday
- 7) Stuart and his friends are \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) meeting Amy at 7:30
  - B) celebrating Paul's birthday
  - C) studying for a test tomorrow
  - D) planning a birthday party for Sara
- 8) Amy decides \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) to stay home
  - B) not to meet up with her friends
  - C) not to accept Stuart's invitation
  - D) to join Stuart and his friends tonight

Read the dialogue.

Situation: Silvia and Sui talk about their favorite singers and music.

Sui: What are you listening to Silvia?

Silvia: I'm listening to *Woman No Cry* from Bob Marley. I love him, and his music is great. He used to play in the band The Wailers.

Sui: I like his music, too. But the song that I like the most is *Three Little Birds*. I also like *I Shot the Sheriff*.

Silvia: Those songs are amazing. Actually, his music actually was very influenced by social problems in his homeland Jamaica.

Sui: Another interesting fact is that he had eleven children with different women, but he just married Rita Marley in 1966.

Silvia: Yes, I knew about that.

Sui: But he died very young. He was only 36 years old. His son Ziggy Marley has followed his footsteps. He and three of his brothers and sisters formed a band called The Melody Makers, and they played at their father's funeral.

Silvia: How come? How do you know that much about them?

Sui: I love their music. Reggae is my passion.



Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous dialogue.  
(Items from 9 to 12)

9) Sui's favorite song is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) The Wailers
- B) *Woman No Cry*
- C) *I Shot the Sheriff*
- D) *Three Little Birds*



10) Bob Marley only sang with \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) The Wailers
- B) Ziggy Marley
- C) The Melody Makers
- D) his bothers and sisters

11) During his life, Bob Marley \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) had no children
- B) had only one child
- C) married different women
- D) married only one woman

12) Sui is really a fan of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) reggae music
- B) Bob Marley's wife
- C) The Melody Makers
- D) the social problems in Jamaica

Read the text.

### A COSTA RICAN STAR

Deborah Nowalski Kader, better known by her stage name, Debi Nova, is a Costa Rican singer-songwriter who resides in Los Angeles. She has been involved in six projects nominated for a Grammy award. She has also collaborated with artists including Brazilian singer Sérgio Mendes; the American group the Black Eyed Peas; Puerto Rican singer, Ricky Martin and Venezuelan singer-songwriter, Franco De Vita.



Debi was born in San José, Costa Rica on August 6, 1980, but she is of Polish Jewish descent. She started playing the piano at age four, and played classical music for ten years until she became a singer-songwriter and a multi-instrumentalist at the age of 14. She moved to Los Angeles at age 17, when she signed her first record deal. She is a graduate of LAMA College for Music Professionals in Pasadena, California.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 13 to 16)

- 13) Currently, Debi Nova lives in \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) Brazil
  - B) Poland
  - C) Costa Rica
  - D) Los Angeles

- 14) Debi Nova has developed her musical career \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) as an amateur singer
  - B) at an international level
  - C) at a national level exclusively
  - D) as a non-professional songwriter
- 15) Debi Nova started showing her musical talent \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) at an early age
  - B) at a show in Los Angeles
  - C) when she was a teenager
  - D) when she moved to Los Angeles
- 16) When Debi was fourteen years old, she \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) started playing the piano
  - B) won her first Grammy award
  - C) moved to Los Angeles to study music
  - D) already knew how to play different instruments



Read the information.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS WHEN USING A BLENDER

1. Always hold the container down with one hand while processing.
2. Never leave a blender while it is processing. If the container turns while the motor is on, turn it off immediately and place the container properly on the base.
3. Do not wash any part of the container in an automatic dishwasher.
4. Do not fill the blender up to the top to avoid any spills while processing. Overfilling may cause the container to break and could result in injury.



Adapted from a manual

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous information. (Items from 17 to 20)

17) What's a good recommendation while processing? To \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) wash the motor
- B) turn off the blender
- C) hold the container down
- D) leave the blender while it is working

18) What is not convenient to use when cleaning a blender?

- A) A motor for the container
- B) A blender to process food
- C) The container for the food
- D) A dishwasher to clean the motor

19) What's a safety instruction people should follow? To \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) avoid overfilling the container
- B) place the food in the container
- C) wash the base of the container
- D) let the food spill from the container

20) What makes a container break? By putting \_\_\_\_\_ of food in it.

- A) all kinds
- B) small pieces
- C) a great amount
- D) a small quantity

Read the text.

### AN ELECTRIC OVEN

A conventional electric oven usually has its heating elements on both top and bottom sides. Food is baked or broiled by means of radiated heat. A conventional oven consists of a 2500W heating element and a fan in the back wall. Hot air is circulated using the fan inside the oven. Users can have more options for cooking. An electric oven may be equipped with a self-cleaning function which may raise the temperature to about 455 to 540 degrees Celsius. Food spills will turn into light ash. The oven door should be always locked automatically in order to avoid accidental opening. It allows sufficient space for ventilation as well as heat dissipation.



Adapted from [www.heh.com](http://www.heh.com)


Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text. (Items from 21 to 23)

- 21) How is food cooked in an electric oven? It is cooked \_\_\_\_\_
- A) with hot air
  - B) with light ash
  - C) by using radiated heat
  - D) without causing any spill
- 22) What part is inside of the electric oven? The \_\_\_\_\_
- A) fan
  - B) doors
  - C) buttons
  - D) temperature knobs

23) How does the self-cleaning function work? It \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) cools down the oven
- B) makes the temperature rise
- C) works as a ventilation system
- D) protects the oven from accidents

Read the timetable.

TIMETABLE: SAN JOSÉ TO GUANACASTE (DIFFERENT DESTINATIONS)		
		
ROUTE	SCHEDULE	FARE
Santa Cruz	7:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.	₡5.425
Nicoya	5:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 m.d., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.	₡3.910
Samara	12:00 m.d., 5:00 p.m.	₡4.470
Hojancha	2:30 p.m.	₡3.870
Tamarindo	11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m.	₡5.635

Adapted from [www.empresaalfaro.com](http://www.empresaalfaro.com)

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous timetable.  
(Items from 24 to 27)

24) There is just one bus to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Nicoya
- B) Samara
- C) Hojancha
- D) Tamarindo

25) The latest bus to Nicoya departs \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) at noon
- B) at 5:00 p.m
- C) late in the morning
- D) early in the afternoon



26) The bus ticket to Tamarindo \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) is the cheapest
- B) is the most expensive
- C) has two different fares
- D) costs less than five hundred colones

27) The earliest departure is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Nicoya
- B) Hojanca
- C) Tamarindo
- D) Santa Cruz

Read the text.

### LET'S GET AROUND

Costa Rica has many tourist attractions, where visitors can enjoy an unforgettable vacation. To get around, there are many options, but people must verify that the transportation operator has all the permits and insurance required by law. They can choose between services such as:



#### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:



This is a collective passenger transportation where the travelers have to adapt to the schedules and routes offered by the operators. Costa Rica has a good quality public transportation service at accessible prices; mostly buses, but it also has a metropolitan train, taxis and a ferry on the Pacific coast.

#### SHUTTLE TRANSPORTATION:

The shuttle service is an excellent choice to travel between the main tourist destinations in the country. It is the most common way to travel among tourists, and the main advantage of shuttle services are their accessible prices. When tourists make a reservation, they will receive a confirmation email with all the details of your transportation service.



Adapted from [www.interbusonline.com/costa-rica-transportation](http://www.interbusonline.com/costa-rica-transportation)

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 28 to 31)

- 28) It is advisable for tourists to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) travel only by bus
  - B) exclusively use public transportation
  - C) use transportation without any insurance
  - D) check if the transportation company is authorized

- 29) Public transportation in Costa Rica \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) is not of good quality
  - B) offers expensive fares
  - C) offers reasonable fares
  - D) is not affordable for users
- 30) The most popular way to travel for tourists is by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) train
  - B) ferry
  - C) shuttle
  - D) public buses
- 31) Once tourists reserve a shuttle, they \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) have to pay for insurance
  - B) need to contact the shuttle operator
  - C) have to verify if the service is authorized
  - D) get an e-mail with the necessary information

Read the text.

### A LAPTOP COMPUTER



A laptop computer is a small mobile computer which usually weighs 1 to 6 kilograms depending on its size, material and other factors. It is much smaller than a desktop computer. It usually runs on a single main battery or from an external AC/DC adapter which can charge the battery while also supplying power to the computer itself. Many computers also have a 3-volt cell to run the clock and other processes in the event of a power failure.

As personal computers, laptops are capable of the same tasks as a desktop computer. Although they are typically less powerful for the same price. They contain components that are similar to their desktop counterparts and perform the same functions, but they are miniaturized and optimized for mobile use and efficient power consumption. Laptops usually have liquid crystal displays and most of them use different memory modules for their random access memory (RAM). In addition, to a built-in keyboard, they may utilize a touchpad or a pointing stick for input, though an external keyboard or mouse can usually be attached.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 32 to 35)

32) Laptops use \_\_\_\_\_ to charge the battery.

- A) a mouse
- B) a special keyboard
- C) random access memory
- D) an external AC/DC adapter

- 33) Laptop computers are able to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) work just with batteries
  - B) weigh more than 6 kilograms
  - C) work faster than desktop computers
  - D) do the same tasks as desktop computers
- 34) Laptop computers \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) are as large as desktop computers
  - B) contain batteries with crystal components
  - C) function differently compared to desktop computers
  - D) are miniaturized and optimized for mobility and efficiency
- 35) Instead of a keyboard, laptops may have \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) a battery
  - B) a touchpad
  - C) an external adapter
  - D) a liquid crystal display



Read the information.

### INTERNET SHOPPING

Amazon was one of the first websites to sell products on the Internet. Jeff Bezos started the company. He thought, "the World Wide Web is growing twenty times a year, and it's going to continue growing. People are going to shop online". For example, at the website, people can search for books about any subject, order them by credit card, and get them in the mail in two days within the USA. Within a few years, the company had 10 million customers and 18 million items such as books, CDs, toys, electronics, DVDs, home improvement products, software and video games. Today, people can buy almost everything at a virtual shopping mall, that is, a group of stores from all over the world on the same webpage. So, it functions like a group of stores all in one place.



Adapted from Interaction Access

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous information.  
(Items from 36 to 39)

- 36) Jeff Bezos began \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) the World Wide Web
  - B) offering products in stores
  - C) the website called Amazon
  - D) manufacturing home improvement products

- 37) Mr. Bezos introduced the concept of \_\_\_\_\_ online.
- A) getting money
  - B) selling products
  - C) using credit cards
  - D) buying credit cards
- 38) At Amazon, customers can \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) order different items
  - B) create sites to shop online
  - C) ask how a video game works
  - D) get information about credit cards
- 39) A virtual shopping mall is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) store that doesn't ask for a credit card
  - B) store with items from all over the world
  - C) group of few stores from over the world
  - D) group of stores located on the same webpage

Read the dialogue.

**Situation:** Jessica and Michael are talking about Cocos Island.

**Jessica:** What are you reading about?

**Michael:** I'm reading about Cocos Island. I'm really impressed. I didn't know that the island is well-known internationally by scuba divers because of its marine resources. It's full of sharks, rays and dolphins.

**Jessica:** Yes, I recently heard about that. It's in fact a world heritage site.

**Michael:** Yes, it is. I'm also reading that the extremely wet climate and the ocean give the island a unique ecological characteristic.

**Jessica:** Does the reading say anything about the fauna of the island?

**Michael:** Sure, it says that there are two species of endemic lizards, and nearly 90 bird species have been reported, three of them are endemic. You know that they are just found on the island.

**Jessica:** Interesting! And of course, the sealife is abundant.

**Michael:** Sure, it is. And it also says that the island has five non-endemic species: pigs, deer, goats, cats and rats. All these mammals were introduced by humans.

**Jessica:** That's harmful to the ecosystem.

**Michael:** Of course, even though they aren't abundant and they have adapted perfectly, they aren't native animals and this damages the environment.

**Jessica:** Yes, I understand.



Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous dialogue.  
(Items from 40 to 43)

40) Why is Cocos Island widely recognized by scuba divers? Because it \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) has pleasant weather
- B) is a world heritage site
- C) is full of marine species
- D) has many endemic mammals

- 41) What is the weather like on the island? It \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) rains a lot
  - B) is really dry
  - C) does not rain much
  - D) has pleasant weather
- 42) What are some endemic animals found on the island?
- A) Deer and pigs
  - B) Sharks and dolphins
  - C) Some lizards and birds
  - D) Some birds and mammals
- 43) Why are non-endemic animals harmful to the island? Because they \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) are very abundant
  - B) damage the ecosystem
  - C) have human-like behavior
  - D) are unable to adapt to the environment

Read the text.

### TURTLE PROJECT IN COSTA RICA

Volunteers will work and be highly involved at protecting of turtles along the Costa Rican Pacific and Caribbean coasts. Opportunities are available working with the *Baula* and Olive Ridley turtles. The *Baula* turtle is the largest marine turtle in the world, and the Olive Ridley is the smallest of its species. Both populations are in sharp decline due to the over-harvesting of eggs, beach development, fishing, pollution and poaching. The work involves close contact with the turtles, and it is done under the supervision of a biologist. However, volunteers are not required to have a background in biology. Volunteers will be required to work at night when turtles lay their eggs and also be available to work during the day. Activities include beach patrolling, clearing the beach of obstacles, preparing nests, handling eggs, releasing baby turtles and counting eggs.



Adapted from the Internet.

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 44 to 47)

- 44) Volunteers will help preserve \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) only the *Baula* turtle
  - B) the beaches of the country
  - C) two different kinds of turtles
  - D) the Costa Rican Caribbean coast



- 45) The Olive Ridley turtle is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) abundant along the Pacific
  - B) smaller than the *Baula* turtle
  - C) already extinct in the country
  - D) the biggest marine turtle in the world
- 46) The marine turtle population is declining due to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) lack of supervision of biologists
  - B) correct management of beaches
  - C) different turtle protection programs
  - D) over-harvesting of eggs and poaching
- 47) Volunteers do not need to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) work at night
  - B) patrol the beaches
  - C) work directly with the turtles
  - D) have knowledge about biology

Read the text.

### FISHING DECREE PROMISES ACTION

Calling it a "historic day" for Costa Rica's fishing sector, Agriculture and Livestock Minister recently signed a decree that calls for the implementation of the National Fishing Plan, an effort to guide the country toward more sustainable fishing practices. It was designed by Incopescas officials working with the fishing sector.

The 10-year plan seeks to establish policy, guiding countrywide fishing and aquaculture practices, said the president of the Costa Rican Fisheries Institute (Incopescas).

The plan responds to Article 3 of Costa Rica's Fishing and Aquaculture Law, which instructs the government to develop policies to protect national marine resources, promote responsible fishing, and conduct research and training programs.



Adapted from [www.ticotimes.net](http://www.ticotimes.net)

Choose the appropriate option to answer each question based on the previous text.  
(Items from 48 to 51)

48) Which institution executed the fishing decree? The \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Oceans Commission
- B) Environment Ministry
- C) Costa Rican Fisheries Institute
- D) Agriculture and Livestock Ministry

49) What is the purpose of the fishing decree? To \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) forbid aquaculture activities
- B) promote responsible fishing
- C) stop fishing in the country's oceans
- D) increase fishing practices in Costa Rica

50) Who wrote the National Fishing Plan?

- A) Ministry officials
- B) Incopesca officials
- C) Tico Times reporters
- D) The president of Costa Rica

51) How long will the National Fishing Plan take?

- A) Ten years
- B) Three years
- C) Twelve months
- D) A couple of months

Read the text.

### COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES FIGHT ILEGAL LOGGING

Recently, authorities from the Arenal-Tempisque Conservation Area confiscated a large amount of illegal wood and machinery and equipment used for logging. The operations to control the illegal logging will continue in the sector of Abangares, during the end and beginning of the year. All cases reported were transferred to the Public Ministry to follow the corresponding legal process.

According to authorities, the tendency is to cut down trees of large size and trees of high commercial value. These trees are cut down without permits and in forest areas close to rivers in which the law prohibits and punishes this activity. Logging is a common problem in many of the national parks of Costa Rica since the areas are generally extensive and the number of park rangers is insufficient.



Adapted from [www.news.co.cr](http://www.news.co.cr)

Choose the appropriate option to complete each sentence based on the previous text.  
(Items from 52 to 55)

52) The illegal wood was confiscated by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) the Public Ministry
- B) locals from Abangares
- C) people from Tempisque
- D) authorities of a conservation area

- 53) The law prohibits \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) visiting protected areas
  - B) trading wood with permits
  - C) cutting down trees close to rivers
  - D) hiring certain amount of park rangers
- 54) Illegal logging in Costa Rica is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) not a problem
  - B) already controlled by authorities
  - C) not a problem in protected areas
  - D) a common problem national parks
- 55) A problem with the national parks is they \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) are generally small
  - B) have a lot of big trees
  - C) are not protected by law
  - D) do not have enough park rangers