



**SELECTION**

**60 ÍTEMS**

*Read the dialogue.*

**Situation:** Lorena and Ester are friends. They meet in a cafeteria. Ester is coming. It's 4:30 p.m.



**Lorena:** \_\_\_\_\_ . You are  
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on time.

**Ester:** Yes. I wanted to be early because we haven't seen each other for a long time.

**Lorena:** That's right. Let's talk about your family.  
 –Two hours later–

**Ester:** \_\_\_\_\_ . I hope to  
**2**  
 see you again.

**Lorena:** O.K. It's time to go. I'll have a meeting with Mr. Kent, my boss, later on.

**Ester:** \_\_\_\_\_ .  
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**Lorena:** Bye.



**Select the appropriate alternative to complete the previous dialogue.**

1)

- A) You're late
- B) Hello, dear
- C) Pleased to meet you
- D) I'd like to introduce you

2)

- A) Hello, friend
- B) How do you do
- C) It was nice talking to you
- D) You're welcome again.

3)

- A) So do I
- B) See you
- C) Bye, boss
- D) I'll see you, Mr. Kent



Look at the weather report and read the information.





### Weather for January. 6-10, 2003

**San José:** High 23,7°C, Low 17,3°C, rainfall 0,5 mm.  
**Alajuela:** High 29,6°C, Low 20,2°C, rainfall 0,3 mm.  
**Puntarenas:** High 33,2°C, Low 25,2°C, rainfall 0,0 mm.  
**Limón:** High 28,2°C, Low 22,4°C, rainfall 41,8 mm.  
**Liberia:** High 34,4°C, Low 20,5°C, rainfall 0,9 mm.

Temperatures are weekly averages in Celsius. Rainfall is the weekly total in millimeters (one millimeter equals one liter of water per square meter).

There were high temperatures all over the Pacific Coast this week. In the Caribbean Coast and the North part the long summer gave way to rain. A cold front also produced rain in the east.

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Select the appropriate alternative to answer the questions, using the previous information.

- 4) Which place did it rain the most?
  - A) San José.
  - B) Alajuela.
  - C) Limón.
  - D) Liberia.
  
- 5) Which area was the driest area?
  - A) Limón.
  - B) Liberia.
  - C) San José.
  - D) Puntarenas.
  
- 6) Where was the highest temperature?
  - A) San José.
  - B) Alajuela.
  - C) Liberia.
  - D) Limón.
  
- 7) Which was the province with the lowest temperatures?
  - A) Limón.
  - B) Liberia.
  - C) San José.
  - D) Puntarenas.
  
- 8) How was Puntarenas' temperature?
  - A) The lowest of all.
  - B) Lower than Limón.
  - C) The same as Alajuela.
  - D) Higher than San José.

Read the text. Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence, according to the reading.

### Famous People

*Don Schollander was born in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1946. He started swimming at the age of nine, and since the age of fifteen he received excellent guidance and training from coach George Haines in Santa Clara, California. So he won four gold medals in the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 1964. He also won the title "Outstanding Athlete of the Games." After the Olympics, however, Schollander went to Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, and he could no longer have Heines' help.*

*After his first year of college and some intense competition, he became sick and could not return to California for the summer.*

*He had to wait until the next summer to go back to the West Coast. There he began training for the 1968 Olympics. Many people asked him to continue his training for the whole year, but he decided that college was more important than the Olympics. He returned to Yale in the fall.*

From Lado English Series

9) Don Schollander \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

- A) received poor guidance
- B) returned to North Carolina
- C) swam in the Yale University pool
- D) had an excellent training in Santa Clara

10) Don **didn't** \_\_\_\_\_ when he was in Connecticut

- A) have Haines' help
- B) study in New Haven
- C) decide to stay at Yale
- D) return to Yale in the fall

11) Schollander **couldn't** \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) get a good coach to help him
- B) be a gold medal winner in the Olympics
- C) return to California in summer because of an illness
- D) received good training to participate in Olympic Games

12) After a year of college, Don \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) got sick
- B) kept training hard
- C) went to New Haven
- D) returned to West Coast

13) At the end, Mr. Schollander chose to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) return to college
- B) train with Charlotte Haven
- C) go back to the West Coast
- D) participate in the Olympics again



Read the text.

**CLOTHES FOR THE PARTY**

Tim and Jane White are going to go to Charlie's birthday party. Their mom is asking them about the clothes.

**Mrs. White:** Are you ready for the party? What are you going to wear?

**Jane:** Yes, mom. I don't want to wear pants, skirt, blouse or sweater. I prefer to wear my blue dress.

**Mrs. White:** Don't wear that one. It's too short.

**Jane:** Ok. Where's my green one?

**Mrs. White:** It's in your closet. Go and look for it. What about you, Tim?

**Tim:** I'm almost ready too. That party is not serious. I prefer to wear my brown pants and jacket.

**Mrs. White:** What color is your shirt?

**Tim:** Yellow.

**Mrs. White:** Why are you going to wear your yellow shirt?

**Tim:** Because my white one's dirty.

*Adapted from English for a Changing World 1 1976*

**Choose the appropriate alternative to complete the sentences, from the reading.**

14) What is Jane finally going to wear for the party? She is going to wear \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) her blue dress
- B) her green dress
- C) a blouse and a skirt
- D) pants and a sweater

15) Why is **not** Tim going to wear his suit for the party? Because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) serious people wear formal clothes for birthday parties
- B) he wears his suit only when his white shirt is clean
- C) men always wear informal clothes for the parties
- D) the party is informal

16) Where are Tim and Jane going to?

- A) A serious activity.
- B) The White's party.
- C) Their mom's house.
- D) A friend's birthday party.

17) What is Mrs. White going to wear for the party?

- A) A short green dress.
- B) Brown pants and a blouse.
- C) She is not going to attend.
- D) She doesn't want to wear a skirt.



**Read the text. Select the appropriate alternative to answer each question according to the previous text.**

### Our New House

My name's Jeff. My family and I lived in an apartment. We weren't happy there. The building was crowded and noisy, and the manager didn't use to fix things. We decided to move. But most apartments in the city were even worse, and the rent was higher. So we looked for a house to buy. Homes in quiet, pleasant neighborhoods were too expensive. Finally, we found a small house in a good neighborhood. The house was ugly, it needed paint. The wallpaper was horrible. The carpet was in terrible condition, and it was orange. The porch and roof needed repairs. The "garden" had lifeless and dirt plants with insects all over them. When our kids first saw their new home, they cried. Then, we moved to our house. We began to work in the house planting beautiful trees and grass. Day by day, this horrible little house became a nice house. We're happy here now.

**Adapted from Interactions I**

- 18) Why did Jeff and his family decide to move?  
Because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) the rent was higher
  - B) they were upset there
  - C) the manager decided to live there
  - D) they decided to buy another department
- 19) Why did the family decide to buy a house?  
Because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) they lived in a dangerous area
  - B) most apartments were in bad conditions
  - C) they wanted to live in an expensive house
  - D) it was very difficult to rent a good apartment
- 20) How was the house, when Jeff and his family, found it? \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) New carpeting
  - B) Well decorated
  - C) In bad conditions
  - D) Pleasant and comfortable
- 21) What about the garden? It had \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) some orange trees
  - B) paintings on its surface
  - C) insects and dead plants
  - D) some wallpaper on its grass
- 22) What did the kids do when they saw their new house? They \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) removed the plants in the garden
  - B) liked the house wallpaper
  - C) decided to repair it
  - D) began to cry
- 23) When did Jeff's family repair their house?
- A) After the family began living there.
  - B) When the family had summer time.
  - C) Before the family moved to the neighborhood.
  - D) When they found another horrible little house to stay.



Read the text.

**The Best Remedy**

When you have watery eyes and a running nose, you sneeze a lot, and you use boxes of tissues, what's the matter with you? Of course, you have a common cold. It makes you feel really uncomfortable. What is the best remedy? Some people go straight to the drugstore, and they buy lots of medicines. They buy aspirin, vitamin C, nose drops and cough syrup.

Other people prefer traditional home remedies like chicken soup, lemon tea or a mixture of hot milk and honey. Ginger tea is very popular in Asia.

Naturalists say they never catch colds because they are in constant contact with nature. In winter, when the weather is freezing, some of them go swimming in ice-cold water. They say, "Jump into a pool of cold water" because the shock clears the head.

Doctors usually say a cold lasts with treatment less than a week or more than eight days without it.

**watery:** like water.

**running nose:** liquid coming down the nose.

**sneeze:** a sudden noisy burst of air out through the nose and mouth.

**From Tico Times**

Select the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence, according to the previous text.

24) An ordinary cold produces \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) watery eyes
- B) some aspirins
- C) boxes of tissues
- D) a lot of vitamin C

25) To fight against a cold, it is convenient to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) take a drastic remedy
- B) buy some boxes of Ginger
- C) jump into a pool of cold water
- D) get some medicines at the drugstore

26) Naturalists say they never catch a cold because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) they don't like natural remedies
- B) they love to be in contact with nature
- C) they are always close to frozen things
- D) Nature makes them feel uncomfortable

27) Traditional home remedies against a cold are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) mixed cold tea and milk
- B) ginger tea and lemon tea
- C) water with ice and nose drops
- D) many aspirins and some vitamin C pills

28) Jumping into a pool of cold water clears the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) cold
- B) pool
- C) nose
- D) head

29) A cold lasts \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) fewer days with treatment
- B) seven days with treatment
- C) the same time with or without treatment
- D) less than seven days without treatment



**Read the texts.**

Nhu is Vietnamese. She lives in Spain now. She's thirty years old. She's a single English teacher. She's a pediatrician, too. Nhu can speak Vietnamese and English. She can also speak a little Spanish but not very well.

Cristina and Gino are married. Cristina is Colombian and Gino is Italian. Cristina is a receptionist. She works in a big hotel. She answers the phone and takes messages. Gino is an electrician. He repairs and installs lights. He works in an electric company. Gino is thirty-seven and Cristina is thirty.

*Adapted from Intercom 2000*

**Select the appropriate alternative to complete the sentences, according to the previous texts.**

30) Nhu \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) is from Spain
- B) is Gino's wife
- C) teaches English
- D) speaks Spanish very well

31) Cristina \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) is an Italian pediatrician
- B) is a Spaniard single woman
- C) works in an electric company
- D) responds to phone calls and takes notes

32) Nhu and Cristina \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) repair phones
- B) live in a big hotel
- C) are the same age
- D) work in an Italian company

33) Nhu, Gino and Cristina \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) live in England
- B) speak many languages
- C) perform very similar jobs
- D) have different nationalities



**Read the dialogue.**

**Situation:** Scott and Becky are visiting the Metropolitan Art Museum.

**Scott:** This museum has some interesting pictures from the Renaissance. All of them are original paintings.  
Look! There's a picture of an old machine.

**Becky:** Yes. That's Gutenberg's printing press. He invented it in 1450. It's a beautiful piece of art. It keeps the original colors.

**Scott:** Look at this big picture. Its physical condition is bad.  
It's Columbus. The description says that he discovered America in 1492.  
Is that Vasco da Gama's picture over there?

**Becky:** Yes. Look at its framework. It's very new, luxurious and expensive but it's not nice. The painting is in a good condition.  
What about Michelangelo's statue of David?

**Scott:** The description says Michelangelo sculpted the statue of David in 1501.  
Look at David's virile figure, it is the representation of the elegance and beauty of the human being. His weight is over the right leg while his left leg seems to be ready to move. He is completely naked and his face has a calm and peaceful expression.

**Select the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence, according to the previous dialogue.**

34) The Gutenberg's machine \_\_\_\_\_

- A) was painted in 1450
- B) preserves its original tones
- C) was very deteriorated physically
- D) is part of Scott's personal collection

35) Vasco da Gama's painting \_\_\_\_\_

- A) has a costly framework
- B) is deteriorated since 1492
- C) describes the statue of David
- D) is about the discovery of America

36) Michelangelo's sculpture of David \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) looks placid and has no clothes
- B) is considered and elegant painting
- C) symbolizes the author's calmness and peace
- D) represents the movement of the human being



**Read the dialogue.**

**Situation:** Andrea and her mother are talking by phone about some interesting places. It's ten in the morning.



**Andrea:** Hello, Mom!  
**Mom:** Hello, Andrea. How are you?  
**Andrea:** I'm fine. This hotel is very nice and comfortable, and Washington D.C. is very interesting.  
**Mom:** What places have you visited?  
**Andrea:** I've been to the White House. And we have also visited the Washington Monument and the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials.  
**Mom:** And which of the places was the most interesting?  
**Andrea:** The Presidential White House, I think.  
**Mom:** OK darling, take care. I'll call you on Saturday afternoon.  
**Andrea:** But I won't be at the hotel. Mom, I'll be at the zoo and I'll visit a famous park.  
**Mom:** I'll call you on Sunday noon, then.  
**Andrea:** But, I still won't be at the hotel. I'll be at the aquarium.  
**Mom:** OK, I'll call you in the evening, then.



*Adapted from Network*

**Select the appropriate alternative to answer each question, according to the previous dialogue.**

- 37) Where does Andrea stay?
- A) In a poor place.
  - B) In a pleasant hotel.
  - C) At the White House.
  - D) At her mother's house.
- 38) Which place does Andrea like the most? The \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) famous park
  - B) nice aquarium
  - C) interesting zoo
  - D) presidential House
- 39) Where does Andrea go on Saturday afternoon? To the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) White Hotel
  - B) famous park
  - C) city aquarium
  - D) Jefferson Memorial
- 40) When will Mom call her daughter again?
- A) Sunday night.
  - B) On Saturday noon.
  - C) At ten in the morning.
  - D) On Saturday afternoon.

Read the text.

**Tom Hopperton over 65 is one of the 1,200 employees working for the supermarket, Tesco. He's been working there for fifteen months. Before that, he was a plumber for thirty years.**

**Tom skates about five miles a day around the store, bringing things for customers who have forgotten something and they are ready to pay. His salary is not so good, but he loves his job. He helps the customers and they are usually very nice to him. He always likes meeting people and it keeps him healthy. He can not sit at home doing nothing. He has to be busy.**

**Tesco made the decision to employ people of all ages. It sees the advantage of elderly workers who are calmer and more authentic when they are dealing with customers.**

**When Tom saw this job advertised he didn't believe to get the job. He preferred to go to the supermarket. He thought if he just phoned they would say "NO" because of his age. He wanted them to see that he was very lively for his age.**

**Adapted from New Heasway**

**Select the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence, according to the previous reading.**

- 41) Tom is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) a plumber in a supermarket
  - B) the chief of 1,200 employees
  - C) an old man working at a supermarket
  - D) the owner of the famous Supermarket Tesco
- 42) In this job, Tom \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) feels good and healthy
  - B) just meets elderly people
  - C) keeps his customers very busy
  - D) is usually angry toward his customers
- 43) The customers \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) help Mr. Hopperton in his job
  - B) pay Mr. Hopperton very good tips
  - C) always forget to bring things to Tom
  - D) are usually pleased with Mr. Hopperton
- 44) Tesco Supermarket \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) takes the determination of having employees of different ages
  - B) pays Tom an excellent salary
  - C) has two hundred workers
  - D) sells skates cheaper
- 45) Tesco Supermarket hired old workers too because they \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) don't have too much work
  - B) don't care about their low salaries
  - C) are aggressive with the customers
  - D) have a better relationship with customers
- 46) Tom realized that \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) it was better to ask about the job by phone
  - B) in spite of his age he has no problems at work
  - C) it was great to have young employees
  - D) it was hard for him to get the job

Read the following ads.

**N. 1: Computer Troubles? Call the P. C. Guy. Your place or our. Call Pat at 289 66 38.**

**N. 2: Repair Guy. Repair all of audio & video equipment. Over twenty years experience. References, fast services. 232 65 52.**

**N. 3: Legal services. You can become a legal resident of Costa Rica under the different immigration status. And you can apply here in Costa Rica 233 19 41.**

**N. 4: Problems learning Spanish / English? USA degree bilingual teacher. Experience W / Drs. Executives. Lawyers & Professionals. Escazú 385 47 55.**

Check the appropriate alternative to complete the sentences, according to the previous ads.

- 47) If a foreigner has problems to stay in the country he/she can contact \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) problems learning languages
  - B) legal services for immigrants
  - C) computer troubles
  - D) repair guy
- 48) The worker who offers a long experience is the one who \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) can repair your computer
  - B) repairs audio video equipment
  - C) gives excellent English and Spanish lessons
  - D) helps you to be a legal resident in Costa Rica
- 49) If your monitor doesn't work very well you should call the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) P C Guy
  - B) repair guy
  - C) bilingual teacher
  - D) legal services phone
- 50) The information says that \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) people can get the fastest service in Escazú
  - B) Pat is available to repair your video equipment
  - C) ad N. 4 helps people to get a professional degree
  - D) the lawyers help applicants to get a legal state in the country
- 51) The ads refer to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) goods sales
  - B) equipment repairing
  - C) professional wanted
  - D) services you may required



Look at the chart and read the information.

Name	Early Routines	Time	Entertainment	Time
Karla	gets up	5:15 a.m.	meets friends	from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
	jogs	5:30 a.m.	watches TV	from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
	takes a bath	6:30 a.m.	reads a novel	from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.
	eats breakfast	7:00 a.m.	runs around the park	from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m.
	goes to school	8:00 a.m.	goes to bed	at 12:15 p.m.
Pedro	gets up	4:45 a.m.	jogs around the park	from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
	runs	5:00 a.m.	plays chess	from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
	takes a bath	6:15 a.m.	watches TV	from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.
	reads the newspaper	6:30 a.m.	goes to bed	at 10:30 p.m.
	drinks the medicine	6:45 a.m.		
	goes to work	7:00 a.m.		

Select the appropriate alternative to complete the sentences, according to the chart.

52) Karla \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) gets up earlier than Pedro
- B) jogs before she takes a bath
- C) goes to work at eight o'clock
- D) goes to school one hour later than Pedro

53) Pedro \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) runs at six fifteen
- B) jogs during an hour
- C) drinks coffee after running
- D) goes to work one hour earlier than Karla

54) Karla and Pedro \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) exercise around the park at night
- B) read the newspaper together
- C) watch TV in the afternoon
- D) go to school after work

55) Karla takes a bath \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) at five in the morning
- B) before she goes to bed
- C) one hour later after jogging
- D) before she reads the newspaper

56) Pedro watches TV \_\_\_\_\_.

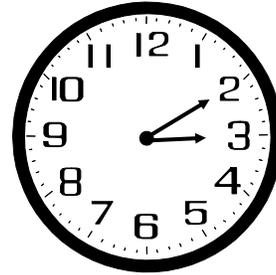
- A) for half an hour
- B) before going to bed
- C) while he plays chess
- D) at the same time as Karla



**Look at the clocks. Select the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence.**

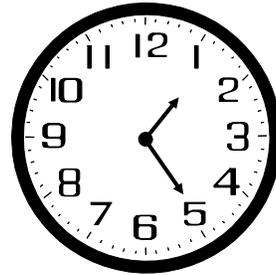
57) Dr. Mayorga arrives at the airport at \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) three-ten
- B) two-fifteen
- C) fifteen minutes past two
- D) ten minutes before three



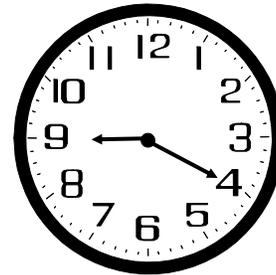
58) The Spanish class begins at \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) four-five
- B) one-twenty
- C) twenty-five minutes past one
- D) twenty-five minutes before one



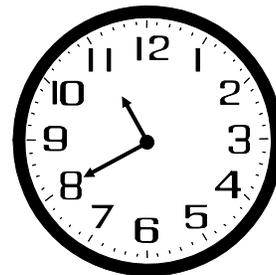
59) Mr. Hood finishes his science experiment at \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) four-forty
- B) nine-twenty
- C) nine twenty-five
- D) twenty-minutes before nine



60) Jenny's Shoe Store opens on Saturdays at \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) eleven-thirty
- B) eleven past-four
- C) twenty-minutes to twelve
- D) twenty-minutes to eleven



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2.	C	22.	D	42.	A
3.	B	23.	A	43.	D
4.	C	24.	A	44.	A
5.	D	25.	D	45.	D
6.	C	26.	B	46.	B
7.	C	27.	B	47.	B
8.	D	28.	D	48.	B
9.	D	29.	A	49.	A
10.	A	30.	C	50.	D
11.	C	31.	D	51.	D
12.	A	32.	C	52.	B
13.	A	33.	D	53.	B
14.	B	34.	B	54.	A
15.	D	35.	A	55.	C
16.	D	36.	A	56.	B
17.	C	37.	B	57.	A
18.	B	38.	D	58.	C
19.	D	39.	B	59.	B
20.	C	40.	A	60.	D

