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| Costa Rica Exercises | about-the-world.org/3205 | **Video + Exercises** |

**Match terms**

*Task: Match each term with the appropriate explanation!*

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| (C) | Hydropower | (1) | mix of European and indigenous ancestry |
| (E) | Gallo Pinto | (2) | traditional rice and beans dish |
| (E) | San José | (3) | discovered Costa Rica in 1502 |
| (I) | Mandatory | (4) | capital of Costa Rica |
| (L) | Christopher Columbus | (5) | renewable energy source in Costa Rica |
| (N) | Pineapples | (6) | animals inhabiting Costa Rican parks |
| (O) | Festivals | (7) | required schooling up to 14 years |
| (S) | Mestizo | (8) | important in Costa Rican culture |
| (T) | Sloths | (9) | significant export product of Costa Rica |

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**Complete sentences**

*Task: Match the beginning of each sentence with the end!*

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| (A) | Costa Rica has over 25 ... | (1) | ... to the north. |
| (B) | Tourism is a primary source ... | (2) | ... to the west of Costa Rica. |
| (D) | Coffee is a significant export ... | (3) | ... 340,000 residents. |
| (H) | Costa Rica borders Nicaragua ... | (4) | ... of revenue. |
| (N) | Schooling in Costa Rica is free ... | (5) | ... national parks. |
| (S) | San José has approximately ... | (6) | ... and mandatory. |
| (U) | The Pacific Ocean lies ... | (7) | ... product of Costa Rica. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What is the official language of Costa Rica? |
| (R) | Portuguese |
| (S) | Spanish |
| (V) | English |
| 2. | What type of climate do Costa Rica’s mountains have? |
| (A) | dry climate |
| (O) | cooler temperatures |
| (S) | tropical climate |
| 3. | Who discovered Costa Rica? |
| (C) | Christopher Columbus |
| (N) | Vasco Núñez de Balboa |
| (R) | Hernán Cortés |
| 4. | What is Costa Rica’s national dish? |
| (K) | Gallo Pinto |
| (R) | Ceviche |
| (V) | Tamales |
| 5. | Which ocean is to the west of Costa Rica? |
| (A) | Indian Ocean |
| (E) | Pacific Ocean |
| (S) | Atlantic Ocean |
| 6. | What is a primary source of revenue for Costa Rica? |
| (R) | fishing |
| (T) | tourism |
| (V) | mining |

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**Right or wrong?**

*Task: State whether the statements are true or false!*

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| right | wrong |  |
| (S) | (V) | 1. Christopher Columbus discovered Costa Rica in 1502. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. Costa Rica shares a border with Mexico. |
| (R) | (N) | 3. The national dish is tortillas and beans. |
| (D) | (R) | 4. Costa Rica’s capital is San José. |
| (A) | (T) | 5. The country is renowned for its diverse nature. |
| (A) | (L) | 6. Costa Rica has an army since 1948. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

*Task: Answer the questions in one or two complete sentences!*

What is Mestizo?

What does Costa Rica emphasize in its economy?

How does Costa Rica protect its nature?

Why is Costa Rica’s culture diverse?

What is unique about Costa Rica’s military?

What role does education play in Costa Rica?

Why is Costa Rica known for its natural beauty?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Costa Rica**

**Match terms**

Mestizo = mix of European and indigenous ancestry

Gallo Pinto = traditional rice and beans dish

Christopher Columbus = discovered Costa Rica in 1502

San José = capital of Costa Rica

Hydropower = renewable energy source in Costa Rica

Sloths = animals inhabiting Costa Rican parks

Mandatory = required schooling up to 14 years

Festivals = important in Costa Rican culture

Pineapples = significant export product of Costa Rica

Keyword: SELECTION

**Complete sentences**

Costa Rica borders Nicaragua | to the north.

The Pacific Ocean lies | to the west of Costa Rica.

San José has approximately | 340,000 residents.

Tourism is a primary source | of revenue.

Costa Rica has over 25 | national parks.

Schooling in Costa Rica is free | and mandatory.

Coffee is a significant export | product of Costa Rica.

Keyword: HUSBAND

**Questions**

What is the official language of Costa Rica?

Spanish

What type of climate do Costa Rica’s mountains have?

cooler temperatures

Who discovered Costa Rica?

Christopher Columbus

What is Costa Rica’s national dish?

Gallo Pinto

Which ocean is to the west of Costa Rica?

Pacific Ocean

What is a primary source of revenue for Costa Rica?

tourism

Keyword: SOCKET

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Christopher Columbus discovered Costa Rica in 1502.

4. Costa Rica’s capital is San José.

5. The country is renowned for its diverse nature.

wrong

6. Costa Rica has an army since 1948.

2. Costa Rica shares a border with Mexico.

3. The national dish is tortillas and beans.

Keyword: SANDAL

**Solution sheet 2**

**Costa Rica**

**Questions and answers**

What is Mestizo?

Mestizo refers to people of mixed European and indigenous ancestry.

What does Costa Rica emphasize in its economy?

Costa Rica emphasizes renewable energy sources like hydropower.

How does Costa Rica protect its nature?

Costa Rica protects nature through national parks and reserves.

Why is Costa Rica’s culture diverse?

The culture is diverse due to Spanish, indigenous, and African influences.

What is unique about Costa Rica’s military?

Costa Rica has had no army since 1948.

What role does education play in Costa Rica?

Education is highly valued with a high literacy rate.

Why is Costa Rica known for its natural beauty?

It is known for its diverse nature with rainforests and beaches.