

The Golden Gate Bridge

The Golden Gate Bridge is a suspension bridge that crosses over the San Francisco Bay, going from San Francisco to Marin County, in the U.S. state of California. When the bridge was finished, in 1937, its length of 2700 m made it the longest and tallest bridge in the world until 1964.



Before the bridge, the only way to go north from San Francisco to Marin County was by ferryboat. Some experts did not think that people could build a bridge because the water currents between Marin and San Francisco were very strong. Also, the water was very deep in the middle -102 m- and there was a lot of wind and fog that could make building a bridge difficult.



In 1916, San Francisco's city engineer asked other engineers to offer ideas for a bridge. Joseph Strauss was named chief engineer. He and other experts, especially architect Irving Morrow, designed a suspension bridge. A suspension bridge has tall towers that hold long cables, and the cables hold up or "suspend" the bridge. Construction began in 1933 and was finished in 1937.

The bridge was called the Golden Gate Bridge because it crosses the Golden Gate Strait, the area of water between the San Francisco peninsula and the Marin County peninsula. When the bridge was finished, they painted it with a reddish-orange sealant, a type of paint that protects the bridge from water and humidity. People liked the colour because it looked good with the bridge's surroundings and it was easy to see in the fog, so the bridge was officially painted with the colour, called International Orange.

People can cross the bridge in cars or motorcycles any time. During daylight hours, they can cross by bicycle or on foot. They cannot cross the bridge on roller skates, skateboards, or mopeds.

When the bridge opened, drivers had to pay 50 cents to cross the bridge in either direction. Today, when drivers go north on the bridge (leaving San Francisco) they do not have to pay, but starting on September 2, 2008, when going south (entering San Francisco), cars and other vehicles have to pay around \$8.

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<https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

1. Read the text and circle the correct answer. (2 marks, 0.25 each)

1. The Golden Gate Bridge links

- a) San Francisco to the US **b) San Francisco and the Marin County**
c) San Francisco and California

2. Is the Golden Gate the longest bridge in the world at present?

- a) Yes, it is the longest and tallest bridge since 1964 **c) No, it isn't** b) Yes, it is the longest bridge since 1964

3. At the beginning, experts considered the idea of building the bridge

- a) interesting but difficult** b) interesting and easy c) easy but unnecessary

4. The bridge is called "Golden Gate"

- a) because it is in the Golden Gate Strait** b) because of its colour
c) because it was very expensive

5. The construction of the bridge

- a) started in 1937 b) finished in 1916 **c) took four years**

6. What colour is the bridge?

- a) It is gold **b) It is orange** c) It is not painted

7. If you go by car from San Francisco to Marin County in the north...

- a) you have to pay \$8 **b) you don't have to pay** c) you can't go from San Francisco to the north

8. Can people cross the bridge by bike?

- a) Yes, they can b) Only at night **c) No, they can't**

2. Find a word in the text for these definitions. (1 mark, 0.25 each)

Example: [PARAGRAPH 1] A structure built to pass over a physical obstacle like a river: **bridge**

- [PARAGRAPH 1] Fully completed: [finished](#)
- [PARAGRAPH 2] A person who knows a lot about a particular field: [expert](#)
- [PARAGRAPH 5] The conditions or scenery around a person, place, or thing: [surroundings](#)
- [PARAGRAPH 5] A class or category: [type](#)

3. Circle the correct answer for each of the following questions. (1 mark, 0.10 each)

1. Let's go to the cinema!
a) **Ok, that's a good idea.** b) No, it isn't a cinema. c) Yes, we are.

2. Bart has a sister, her name is Liza.
a) **Liza is Bart's sister** b) Bart is sister's Liza c) Bart is brother's Liza

3. Boris Johnson _____ in New York City.
a) borned **b) was born** c) born

4. When you see a "NO SMOKING" sign...
a) smoking is allowed b) you don't like smoking **c) you mustn't smoke**

5. I can't help you now, I _____ dinner.
a) am cooking b) cook c) do cook

6. The Nile is 6700 km long, the Amazon is 6400 km. The Nile is__ the Amazon.
a) much long tan b) more longer than **c) longer than**

7. Jupiter is _____ planet in the Solar System.
a) the more big b) the most bigger **c) the biggest**

8. _____ TV yesterday evening? No, I didn't. I was studying for my exam.
a) Do you watched **b) Did you watch** c) Are you watching

9. I think this pen is _____.
a) mine b) my c) the mine

10. _____ you ever eaten insects? No, I haven't.
a) have b) do c) did

4. Write correct questions for these answers. (1 mark, 0.20 each)

Example: What is your name? My name is Sheila.

1. Where are you from? I am **from Italy**.
2. How old is your brother? My brother is **20 years old**.
3. Do you like music? **Yes, I do**, I like music.
4. Who is Joe Biden / What's Joe Biden's job? Joe Biden is **the President of the USA**.
5. When is the party? The party is **next Saturday**

5. These statements are not true. Make them negative. (1 mark, 0.20 each)

Example: *We are in a restaurant* → We are not in a restaurant

1. Elephants live in Australia.
Elephants do not / don't live in Australia
2. There are 10 planets in the Solar System.
There are not / aren't 10 planets in the Solar System.
3. Joe Biden lives in London.
Joe Biden does not / doesn't live in London.
4. Giraffes can swim.
Giraffes cannot / can't swim.
5. Johnny Depp has won an Oscar.
Johnny Depp has not / hasn't won an Oscar

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6. Luis works for a big company. A new manager needs people for her department. This is the interview. Complete the sentences with the boxes on the right. Be careful: there is an extra box. (2 marks, 0.25 each)

LUIS: Good morning! Ms Brown's office, please?
 SECRETARY: (1)**H**.....

Luis: Good morning! Are you Ms Brown?
 EMMA: Yes, Emma Brown. And you are Luis, I guess.
 LUIS: Yes, I am Luis Jiménez, (2)**C**.....

EMMA: Nice to meet you, Luis.
 LUIS: (3)**E**.....

EMMA: Would you like a cup of coffee?
 LUIS: (4)**A**.....

EMMA: So, you are working for the Design Department at the moment, aren't you?
 LUIS:(5)**D**.....

EMMA: Your English is excellent. Do you speak any other languages?
 LUIS: (6)**B**.....

EMMA: Can I see any of your designs?
 LUIS: (7)**G**.....

EMMA: Oh! I see. Interesting... And, how old are you?
 LUIS: (8)**F**.....

EMMA: Excellent. Would you like to work with us in the new Sales Promotion Department?
 LUIS: That would be great!

A. YES, PLEASE. NO MILK, NO SUGAR

B. YES, SPANISH IS MY MOTHER TONGUE.

C. FROM THE DESIGN DEPARTMENT.

D. YES, I'VE BEEN THERE FOR TWO YEARS.

E. NICE TO MEET YOU TOO

F. I AM 28

G. SURE. THEY ARE IN THE COMPANY WEBSITE.

H. THE SECOND DOOR ON THE LEFT.

I. YES, I DID

7. Write around 50 words about your favourite place for a summer holiday. (2 marks)

Instrucciones específicas para esta pregunta:

- Escriba en inglés un mínimo de 40 y un máximo de 60 palabras.
- Se valorarán los siguientes aspectos: - Se ajusta al tema: hasta 0,25 puntos - Se ajusta a la longitud pedida: hasta 0,25 puntos - Corrección gramatical: hasta 0,50 puntos - Corrección y riqueza de vocabulario: hasta 0,50 puntos - Coherencia, estructura y puntuación: hasta 0,50 puntos

Although there are many people who enjoy their holidays in the countryside or visiting interesting cities or exotic places in foreign countries, I must admit I prefer to go to the nearest beach to enjoy a relaxing holidays. I would never change visiting *Denia* with my family where I can enjoy a cosy apartment, a very near quiet beach, and, every once in a while, a delicious rice over the sea.



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