

**THE DAILY NEWS**

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## Local Girl Wins Place in Summer Programme



Once again this summer, students from around the world will participate in the fascinating Ruta Quetzal summer programme. Every year, 300 students from over 40 Spanish-speaking countries are taken on exciting tours of Spain and Latin America.

In addition, this year she was chosen as the head of the student body. She was asked to join the tour after presenting an excellent project in Spanish.

Before leaving on her trip, Kimberly told her classmates, "I feel so lucky. This is a dream come true". We're all proud of you, Kimberly!

**1. Read the text and choose the correct answer to complete these sentences:**

- 1) The students on the Ruta Quetzal tour.....  
 a) visit forty different countries      b) are from forty different countries.
  
- 2) .....of the 300 students going on the Ruta Quetzal tour are from Spanish-speaking countries.  
 a) All      b) Not all
  
- 3) Kimberly.....an excellent project.  
 a) presented      b) didn't present
  
- 4) Kimberly feels.....  
 a) excited because she was chosen.      b) annoyed because she wasn't given a prize.



**Day 2**

We were told what the name Ruta Quetzal means. It comes from the route that was travelled by the quetzal, a rare and beautiful bird from the forests of Costa Rica. Our trip follows part of the bird's route.

**Day 12**

Up to now we've travelled by foot, bus, train, boat and even kayak, but for the last three days we've stayed in one place and slept in tents. What all of us miss most is a really good shower!

# Ruta Quetzal

## *Programme highlights:*

- Travel to active volcanoes. ✓
- Study exotic sea life. X
- Participate in an archaeological dig. ✓
- Visit the many historical cities of Latin culture. ✓
- Listen to music and dance with Indians in Peru. X
- Experience the sights and sounds of Quito, capital of Ecuador. X

2. - Look at Kimberly's diary and programme. Write sentences with the things she has already done and the things she hasn't done yet.

a(travel by kayak)\_\_\_\_\_

b(travel to active volcanoes)\_\_\_\_\_

c(study exotic sea life)\_\_\_\_\_

d(follow the quetzal's route)\_\_\_\_\_

e(listen to music and dance with Indians)\_\_\_\_\_

f(experience the sights and sounds of Quito)\_\_\_\_\_

g(participate in archaeological dig)\_\_\_\_\_

3. - Do you think Kimberly is an adventurous person? Why? Why not?

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4. - Answer the questions:

a) Has she ever slept in a tent?

b) Has she ever travelled by boat?

c) Has she ever written a Spanish project?

d) Has she ever listened to music and danced with Indians in Peru?

e) Has she ever been to Quito?

5. - Read the following programme information and choose the correct answer.

**Programme information**

1. Three hundred students **is taken / are taken** on the Ruta Quetzal programme every year.
2. They **is chosen / are chosen** from over 40 countries.
3. Sea life **are studied/ is studied** during the journey.
4. Different places **are visited / is visited** on the way.
5. Our school **are given/ is given** information about the summer programme every year.

6. - Complete the following sentences by using the Present Simple Passive.

1. Spanish .....(speak) by all the young people.
2. The Ruta Quetzal programme.....(not teach) at school.
3. The programme.....(complete) in August.
4. The students.....(not expect) to pay for the tour.
5. The projects.....(write) before the tour leaves.

7. - Choose the correct answer.

1. The programme **was created / were created** in 1979.
2. Many ideas **were exchanged / was exchanged** at the first meeting.
3. Projects in English **wasn't accepted / weren't accepted**.
4. Kimberly **was born / were born** in Canada.
5. They **wasn't expected / weren't expected** to pay.

8. - Complete the following text with the PAST SIMPLE PASSIVE.

Last month, 300 Spanish-speaking students .....(select) to join a very special programme. The lucky students.....(invite) to meetings and they.....(inform) about the study tour through Latin America. One student.....(ask) how he was feeling. His answer was, "Absolutely fantastic!" Unfortunately, his best friend.....(not accept) to the programme.

