

G 5.3 FISHING AND AQUACULTURE



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Angling fishing/fishing rods ('*sajd bil-qasba*') and marine crafts as a hobby.

A. Read

The picture shows a man working on a fishing trap (nassa) made from cane rods ('*qasab*'). Many fishermen like to cast traps like these from their boats. For the trap to sink into the water and not stay afloat on the water, the fishermen add some weight to it, such as lead. In the trap, they also put some fish food ('*għalf*') so the fish enter to eat and then get are trapped inside. Sometimes, fishermen also fish on land, specifically on rocks, with similar traps.



There are various tools that can be used for fishing. Many amateur enthusiasts fish using feathers ('*bir-rixa*'), fishing rods, landing nets ('*kopp*') or harpoons. However, professional fishermen use more refined methods of fishing.

Long line fishing ('*il-konz*'): This is a long rope with many hanging hooks attached to a nylon thread for fishing. Each hook has food attached to it (bait); the fishermen uses long line fishing to catch mostly these types of fish: sea bream, comber and swordfish.

Fishing traps ('in-nases'): these are cane baskets, which fishermen lay on the seabed. The fish enter these traps without being able to get out of them. Fishing traps can even catch octopus.

Fishing nets ('ix-xbiek'): these open like a curtain and stay upright under the water, or instead they are transported in the form of a large bag which entangles the passing fish. With fishing nets many types of fish are caught, including Dorado fish ('lampuki').

B. Mark the correct answer



1. When you go with a small boat (you cannot, you can, it is preferable to) go far away from land.
2. Angling fishing uses silk and a (nylon fishing thread, trunk, pocket knife) to fish.
3. Many children use a (landing net, long line fishing, hat) to catch fish from near the shore.
4. Fishermen equip long line fishing with (fishing nets, hooks, feathers) attached and left hanging from it.
5. Dorado fish is caught using (traps, fishing rods, fishing nets).
6. Divers have a (harpoon, fishing rod, pocket knife) to catch grouper fish ('cerna') or other fish.

7. Many Maltese fishermen take their fish to the fish market ('pixkerija'), wholesale market ('pitkalija'), stalls ('il-monti') so that sellers buy from there and then go sell them at the market.

C. Fill in the blanks with the given words

damage	sheltered	mullet (mulett)
imported	Saint Julian's	cane fishing traps



1. Around the coast of Malta we find various _____ inlets from where many fishermen go fishing.
2. The major part of the fish we eat is _____.
3. To catch Dorado fish and pilot-fish, fishermen use _____.
4. The trawling of fishing nets across the seabed with trawlers can cause _____ to fish nests.
5. With a fishing rod and nylon fishing thread you can catch _____.
6. _____ is a village which used to have many fishermen living in it but, nowadays, we find many entertainment outlets there.