

I.- LOOK AT THE PHOTO AND THE TITLE OF THE ARTICLE. WHAT DAY IS IT?, WHERE ARE THE CARS? _____

II.- READ THE TEXT

A CITY THAT BANS CARS ON SUNDAYS

- 1 During the work week, the city of Bogotá, Colombia, has 1,600,000 cars, 50,000 taxis, 9,000 buses, and 500,000 motorcycles. But every Sunday, the city closes 75 miles of roads to motor vehicles, so the *Bogotanos* (**citizens** of Bogotá) have to leave their cars at home. Instead, they go on their bicycles, roller skates, scooters, wheelchairs, and skateboards. And they walk!
- 2 During “Ciclovía” (meaning “Bicycle Way” in English) every Sunday, people bike around the city streets, and, as they bike, there are “Fun Stops.” At one fun stop, you can listen to musicians playing salsa music. At another, there is an aerobics class with a fitness instructor. And there is always cheap, delicious food for sale—“I come for the food!” says one young woman.
- 3 This year, Ciclovía in Bogotá is 25 years old and it’s still very popular. Bibiana Sarmiento is the manager of Ciclovía and she explains why it’s a good idea: “The Ciclovía is the moment when motor vehicles **make way** for human beings ... citizens **take over** the city’s **public space**.” Now other cities have days like Ciclovía all over the world—from New Zealand to Europe to China.
- 4 Maybe your town or city already has a special day when people—not cars—control the streets. If it doesn’t, maybe it’s time to start one!

II.-READ THE ARTICLE AND WRITE THE PARAGRAPH NUMBER (1-3)

- a. Paragraph _____ is about how local people have fun at Ciclovía.
- b. Paragraph _____ is about transportation in Bogotá.
- c. Paragraph _____ is about why Ciclovía is popular.

III.- LOOK AT THE GROUPS OF WORDS FROM THE ARTICLE. DELETE ONE WORD THAT DOESN'T BELONG IN EACH GROUP.

Countries	Colombia, Europe, China, New Zealand
Motor vehicles	Bicycles, cars, taxis, motorcycles
Vehicles without motors	Bicycles, wheelchairs, buses, skateboards
Jobs	Fitness instructor, manager, musician, salsa
Groups of people	Citizens, streets, human beings, Bogotanos

IV.- ANSWER TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1.- What do these numbers refer to in paragraph 1?

1 600 000 _____ 500 000 _____ 75
 9000 _____ 50 000 _____

2.- What can you do at a “Fun Stop”?

3.- Why does Bibiana Sarmiento think Ciclovía is a good idea? Do you agree with her?

V.- ANSWER TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO START A BICYCLE WAY FOR YOUR TOWN OR CITY.

1.- What day (or days) is your Bicycle Way?

2.- How often is it? (e.g., every week? every month?)

3.- How many miles do you close to motor vehicles?

4.- How many “Fun Stops” are there? What do people do at them?
