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COLOMBIA



Colombia borders Panama, Venezuela, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, the Pacific Ocean, and the Caribbean Sea. Its topography includes 3,200 kilometres of coastline, Andes mountains as high as 5,775 meters, Amazon jungle, Caribbean islands, and lowland plains known as "llanos".

The Colombian flag has got three horizontal bands yellow (top, twice as big as the others), blue, and red.

Yellow: Represents the riches of the country and the Sun

Blue: Represents the sky above, the seas on Colombia's shores, and the rivers that run through.

Red: Represents the blood spilled for Colombia's independence and also the effort of the Colombian people.



The biggest difference from standard Latin American Spanish is that it is not unusual, especially in Bogotá, the capital and largest city, for close friends and family members to address each other as "usted" rather than "tú". "Usted" is considered formal in the rest of Latin America. In parts of Colombia, the personal pronoun "vos" sometimes is used among close friends.

Read the text and answer the following questions.

1. What's the capital city of Colombia?
2. Name the colors of the Colombian flag.
3. The RED colour of the flag represents the sun and riches of the country. TRUE/FALSE
4. Colombia borders 4 countries and an ocean. TRUE/FALSE
5. The BLUE colour of the flag represents the sky, seas and rivers surrounding the country. TRUE/FALSE
6. "Vos" is the formal way to address people in Bogotá. TRUE/FALSE