

Exploring the Attractiveness of Cities

Part 1: Match each word to its correct definition or example.

Word	Definition/Example
1. Square	a) Spreading out over a large area in an untidy or uncontrolled way.
2. Height	b) The outline of buildings and structures against the sky, often seen from a distance.
3. Width	c) Sections of a city, typically surrounded by streets on all four sides.
4. Blocks	d) To walk around slowly without a specific destination.
5. Sprawling	e) The measurement of how tall something is.
6. Wander	f) The measurement of how wide something is.
7. Skylines	g) A large open public space in the center of a city.

Part 2: The Attractiveness of Bogotá, Colombia

Bogotá, the vibrant capital of Colombia, is a city that captivates visitors with its unique blend of tradition and modernity. At the heart of Bogotá we find the *Bolívar Square*, a historic space surrounded by important landmarks such as the Cathedral and the National Capitol. This square is not just a cultural focus but also a gathering place for both locals and tourists.

The city's skyline is a mix of colonial architecture and towering skyscrapers, with some buildings reaching impressive *heights* that contrast beautifully with the surrounding Andes mountains. Bogotá's layout is organized into well-structured *blocks*, making navigation

easier for visitors who enjoy wandering through its neighborhoods. From the historic streets of La Candelaria to the modern Zona T, there's something for everyone.

One outstanding feature of Bogotá is its *sprawling* urban area, which expands into the valley, offering diverse neighborhoods and endless exploration opportunities. As you *wander* through the city, you'll find vibrant markets, street art, and lush parks that provide a perfect escape from the busy streets.

Whether you're marveling at the city's impressive skylines or enjoying a coffee in a charming square, Bogotá offers a rich and diverse experience that makes it a must-visit destination.

Reading Comprehension

1. True/False Questions:

1. Bolívar Square is surrounded by modern skyscrapers. _____
2. Bogotá's skyline includes both colonial and modern buildings. _____

3. What is the main feature of Bolívar Square?

- a) It is a commercial center.
- b) It is surrounded by cultural landmarks.
- c) It is the tallest building in Bogotá.
- d) It is located outside the city center.

4. Which word describes Bogotá's urban expansion?

- a) Height
- b) Sprawling
- c) Skyline
- d) Width

5. What makes Bogotá's blocks easy to navigate?

- a) Their irregular shape
- b) Their structured layout
- c) Their narrow streets
- d) Their height

6. Describe the skyline of Bogotá.

7. What activities can visitors enjoy in La Candelaria and Zona T?

8. How does the description of Bolívar Square reflect its cultural importance?

9. What makes Bogotá a city that offers diverse experiences?

10. Why is wandering through Bogotá a unique experience for visitors?

Writing Task:

The Attractiveness of Bucaramanga

Instructions: Write a 4-paragraph essay describing the attractiveness of Bucaramanga, Colombia. Use the vocabulary words from this workshop and include transition words like *firstly, in addition, furthermore, however, therefore, additionally, finally, etc.*,

1. **Paragraph 1:** Introduction

- Introduce Bucaramanga as a city known for its charm and attractions.
- Mention its nickname, "The City of Parks," and its reputation for being clean and green.

2. Paragraph 2: Urban Features

- Describe its squares, such as Santander Park.
- Include details about the skyline and the height and width of notable buildings.

3. Paragraph 3: City Layout and Experiences

- Talk about the organized blocks and areas perfect for wandering.
- Highlight specific attractions, like the Chicamocha Canyon.

4. Paragraph 4: Conclusion

- Summarize why Bucaramanga is attractive for visitors.
- Mention how its combination of urban and natural beauty makes it unique.

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