

## Unit &gt;&gt; 2

## travelling Around Colombia

## Lesson 1 &gt;&gt; The Biggest Cities

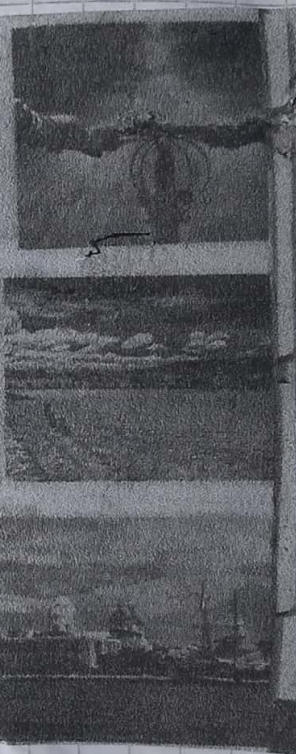
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## 1. Read and choose the best options.

Founded in 1689, San Gil is known as the 'most adventurous / more adventurous city in Colombia. You can do things like white water rafting, caving and mountain bike riding. With an average temperature of 23°C, it has a perfect climate; however, it does have a very high annual rainfall of 1274 mm/year. With an area of 150 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of 43,000, it is still a relatively small city, making it 'most relaxing / more relaxing than larger cities.

Villa de Leyva is a favourite with tourists given that it is probably one of the 'more picturesque / most picturesque towns in the country. Founded in 1572, it is one of the 'more colonial / most colonial towns in Colombia and has the 'most big / biggest town square in the country. With a population of only 16,478 people and an area of 128 km<sup>2</sup> it is actually a town, not a city. The town has an average annual rainfall of 914 mm/year and an average temperature of 17°C.

Cartagena, the 'most touristic / more touristic city in Colombia was founded in 1533 and is one of the 'most old / oldest cities in the country. Located on the Caribbean coast, it is popular with people wanting to relax on the beach or people wanting to explore the old walled city which is the 'more interesting / most interesting and 'more historical / most historical part of the city. Given the population of 895,400 people within an area of 572 km<sup>2</sup>, some people find outside the walled city to be a little stressful. The annual average temperature is 28°C and 870 mm/year of rainfall.



2 Read the tourist information from exercise 1 and decide if the statements are 'true' or 'False'. Correct the false answers.

1 San Gil is the hottest of the 3 places

False Cartagena is the hottest of the 3 places

2 San Gil is smaller than Cartagena

True

3 Villa de Leyva is more historical than San Gil  
True

4 Villa de Leyva is the most touristic place in Colombia  
False ~~False~~ the most touristic place in Colombia is Cartagena

5 San Gil is the most crowded of the 3 places  
False the busiest is Cartagena

6 Villa de Leyva has the highest annual rainfall of the 3 places  
True, since it is very high and its climate is 77°

7 San Gil is the youngest of the 3 places  
False the youngest of the three places is Cartagena

8 Villa de Leyva has a smaller town square than Cartagena  
True, since the town is smaller

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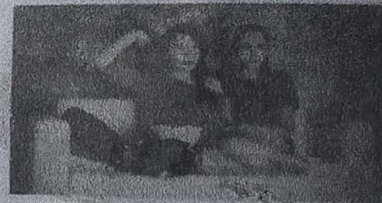
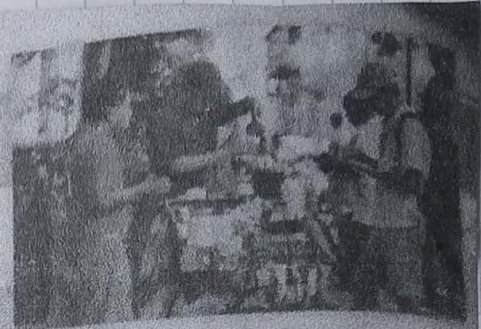
a. He learned / was learning Spanish while he travelled / was traveling around Colombia.

b. They walked / were walking the dog when it began / was beginning to rain.

c. I told / was telling a story when you phoned / were phoning me.

d. Juana realised / was realising she was late when she looked / was looking at her watch.

e. We watched / were watching television when you arrived / was arriving.



2 Read the postcard and complete with when or while  
Hey Pablo!

When I arrived to Santa Marta yesterday morning the sun was shining and it was really hot. I went straight to the beach and while I was swimming I met an amazing girl from London. We spent the whole day together and did many things.

In the afternoon while we were scuba diving we saw lots of fish and turtles. It was amazing. Later we drank fresh fruit juice when sitting on the beach. It was really refreshing.

Then in the evening we were eating dinner at a restaurant <sup>5</sup> when a group of musicians started playing music for us.

I think I am in love! I think I am going to study at university in London

See you soon

Janet!

3 Complete with the correct form of the words in parentheses

When Stella <sup>1</sup> arrived [arrive] at her best friend's house, she <sup>2</sup> took [take] a shower so she had to wait. While her best friend, Cathy <sup>3</sup> was getting [get] dressed, Stella <sup>4</sup> sat [sit] on her bed looking at magazines. She <sup>5</sup> turned [turn] the pages of the magazine when she <sup>6</sup> found [find] an article about Palomino in La Guajira in Colombia. It looked like such an amazing place, they both <sup>7</sup> decided [decide] to travel there for their next vacations.

# Lesson 32) The Colombian Caribbean

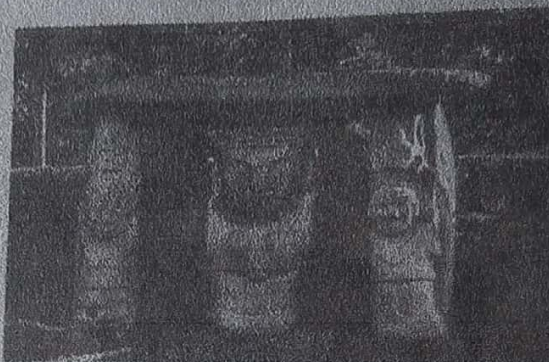
Look at the information about the two Colombian towns and complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in parentheses

## Salento



|                 |                                                  |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Location        | Quindío, mountainous coffee region               |
| Year founded    | 1842                                             |
| Area covered    | 377 km <sup>2</sup>                              |
| Weather         | Warm: 16-26°C                                    |
| Population      | 7,247                                            |
| Things to visit | Cocora Valley, Calle Real, look-out, coffee farm |
| Elevation       | 1,895 m                                          |

## San Agustín



|                 |                                                 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Location        | Huila, mountainous region                       |
| Year founded    | 1752                                            |
| Area covered    | 1310 km <sup>2</sup>                            |
| Weather         | Warm: 18-28°C                                   |
| Population      | 32,898                                          |
| Things to visit | Archaeological Park, Go hiking in 'El Estrecho' |
| Elevation       | 1,730 m                                         |

- Salento is younger (young) than San Agustín
- San Agustín has a lower (low) elevation than Salento
- Salento is smaller (small) than San Agustín
- Salento is colder (cold) than San Agustín
- San Agustín has a bigger (big) population than Salento

2 Complete Julian's review about San Agustín with the correct form of the words in brackets

In my opinion, San Agustín is the ~~most interesting~~ (interesting) town because I love archaeology. The ~~most fascinating~~ (fascinating) thing to do there is visit the Archaeological Park of San Agustín, and hiking 'El Estrecho' is the ~~most~~ (spectacular) hike I have done this year.

3 Based on Julian's review, write a similar one for Salento

Salento is a beautiful city and an important place for tourism in the department of Quindío. It's beautiful landscapes and streets full of colonial history make it unforgettable. Don't forget the beautiful art and crafts we