



Is there more to Colombia than kidnappings and cocaine? An American couples finds out

Who-What-Why

Answer these questions using complete sentences.

Who is this article about?

Where do they live?

When did they move there?

What is an international school?

Why haven't any of their American friends come to visit?

What Does it Mean? Part 1

Use the dictionary links provided in the article to complete this vocabulary chart.

Table with 4 columns: The word in question, The word as it was used in the article, This is what I think the word means, This is the dictionary definition. Rows include words like abated, barrio, skeptical, wanderlust, acclimating, and ensemble.

What Does it Mean? Part 2

Sometimes an article is hard to read because it uses words you've never seen before. But sometimes an article uses words you know, but in new ways. This is also confusing.

Consider this: In paragraph 3, John says he likes living in Cartagena because "The daily grind is an adventure." You know the word "daily." You know the word "grind." If you hang out at coffee shops, you might know that "daily grind" is the special brew of the day. However, when John said this, he wasn't talking about coffee. What is the "daily grind" that John is talking about?

And why is the "daily grind" in Cartagena "an adventure"?

The article ends with a quote from Catherine. She said, "We got an e-mail from a friend saying, 'You're so brave.' Like we're in the middle of a war zone. But really, we're so insulated in Cartagena. We kind of feel like we're in la-la land."

Taken by itself, the quote is confusing. It only makes sense if you've read the article in its entirety—particularly the beginning. Go back and take another look at the article's start. Then consider the end quote anew. What is Catherine trying to say?

Where in the World?

Catherine and John had already traveled to lots of other countries before moving to Colombia. Plot their travels using information from the article and links to world maps on the Student Activities Web page. Here's a hint:

