

Worksheet: BBC Reports on Colombian Special Forces Fighting Drug Gangs

STEP 1: READING COMPREHENSION

1. What is the main subject of the BBC report from Colombia?

(A) The efforts of special forces against drug gangs. (B) The natural beauty of Colombian jungles.
(C) New agricultural developments in remote areas. (D) The history of the Colombian military.

2. Where are the powerful drug gangs primarily located, according to the report?

(A) In major Colombian cities. (B) Along the country's main rivers.
(C) Deep in remote jungle territories. (D) Near the borders with Venezuela.

3. What is one of the main objectives of the special forces' missions?

(A) To build new roads for local communities. (B) To observe local wildlife and ecosystems.
(C) To destroy illegal drug labs and stop criminal operations. (D) To provide medical assistance to isolated villages.

STEP 2: GAP FILL EXERCISE

Word Bank:

battle remote violence engaged traffic

These commandos are _____ in a 'never-ending _____' against powerful drug gangs hidden deep in the country's _____ jungles. The gangs produce and _____ cocaine, causing widespread _____ and instability. The BBC observed first-hand the dangerous and challenging missions these soldiers undertake.

STEP 3: WORD POWER (MATCHING)

1. remote	(a) far away from towns or cities; isolated (remote)
2. engaged	(b) to deal or trade illegally in something (traffic)
3. traffic	(c) involved in an activity or task (engaged)
4. undertake	(d) to begin to do something, especially a large or difficult job (undertake)

STEP 4: DAILY LIFE USAGE

Complete the sentences about daily life using words from the article.

1. My grandparents live in a very _____ village, far from any big city.

2. She was so deeply _____ in her book that she didn't hear the doorbell.

3. Learning a new language can be a _____ task, but it's very rewarding.

STEP 5: CRITICAL THINKING

The news mentions the 'never-ending battle' and Colombia's 'struggle to control drug production and bring peace.' In your opinion, what are some of the biggest non-military challenges a country faces when trying to achieve lasting peace and stability in regions affected by powerful criminal organizations?

Answer Key (Teacher Use):

1. Comprehension: 1:A, 2:C, 3:C
2. Cloze: battle, engaged, remote, traffic, violence
3. Daily Life: 1:remote, 2:engaged, 3:challenging