

## “BEYOND THE CLASSROOM” ENGLISH SELF-STUDY GUIDE

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City \_\_\_\_\_

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Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

7th

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### ORIENTACIONES PARA LOS PADRES DE FAMILIA

Querido padre de familia, reciba por parte de los maestros de inglés un saludo muy especial.

Nosotros los maestros continuamos con nuestra labor, es por esto que le agradecemos su compromiso, responsabilidad y dedicación. El objetivo primordial de la presente guía de estudio en casa, es ayudar a su hijo (a) a comprender de una forma sencilla y didáctica tema a profundizar es describiendo cities y el uso correcto de estructuras gramaticales como el tiempo Presente Simple, uso de adjetivos y superlativos para comparar lugares de nuestro país.

Su hijo (a) debe leer con atención las instrucciones presentadas en todas las actividades, las cuales en su mayoría, hacen parte del libro “Way to Go 7” *Student's book page 141 Exercise 3*, el cual se encuentra disponible en la plataforma de Colombia Aprende. A continuación se especifica las actividades que se deben desarrollar:

La actividad 1 nombrada *vocabulary task*, está relacionada con la identificación del vocabulario de adjetivos calificativos su forma superlativa. Encontrará cuatro ejercicios sencillos que cuentan con las especificaciones y ejemplos a seguir.

La actividad 2 perteneciente a *reading task*, hace referencia a lectura sobre ciudades de Colombia, su hijo (a) debe responder las preguntas y completar la información.

En la actividad 3, *language task*, su hijo (a) desarrollará los ejercicios en base a la actividad 2 y uso correcto de los adjetivos en su forma superlativa, esta parte consta de dos ejercicios sencillos y con sus respectivas instrucciones y ejemplos.

La actividad 4 se denomina *writing task*; en donde su hijo (a) analizar un cuadro comparativo y responderá preguntas sencillas en base a él. También mostrará su creatividad escribiendo un correo electrónico a un conocido puede ser padres o amigos en donde hable sobre una ciudad y use adjetivos superlativos como aparece en las instrucciones y puede guiarse del ejemplo presentado para cumplir con esta parte de la guía y rectificar en un cuadro que sí se desarrolló de acuerdo a las indicaciones. Se debe enviar imagen del correo como evidencia

Finalmente, en la actividad 5, *self-assessment task*, en acompañamiento de usted, su hijo(a) debe responder las preguntas relacionadas con el trabajo desarrollado en la guía a manera de



autoevaluación.

Al finalizar las actividades, usted podrá rectificar la información de las actividades de su hijo en el cuadro "Key answer"; adicionalmente, encontrará recursos que servirán de apoyo en el desarrollo de la guía. Recuerde que en gran medida, el éxito de la educación virtual depende del interés del estudiante por la consulta e interpretación de las instrucciones dadas por sus maestros. Por favor, supervise el trabajo de su hijo (a) para obtener los resultados de aprendizaje de otra lengua óptimos y concernientes al cumplimiento de los objetivos.

En caso de presentar alguna inquietud, por favor no dude en escribir y comunicarse con el docente a través del correo electrónico -dentro de los horarios de clases- que se encuentran al final de esta guía.

Muchas gracias por su colaboración.

### WELCOME TO THIS SELF-STUDY GUIDE

This self-study guide will help you to introduce, learn, describe and practise the adjective and their form as a superlative. The activities will strengthen your writing skills doing some simple exercises in which you have to focus, do a good job, improve your vocabulary, and at the same time, work on reading as a subskill.

You will complete the following activities taking into account the following explanation: ACTIVITY 1: Identify the vocabulary that will be worked about adjective and superlative form. It is divided in two (2) exercises. ACTIVITY 2: Reading comprehension and answering questions (two exercises). ACTIVITY 3: using superlative form and choosing the best option by contextualized sentences. ACTIVITY 4: analyze a chart and write an e-mail to your friends or parents, ACTIVITY 5: answer some questions as a self-assessment with parent's help.

We are going to use the English student book: "Way to Go 7" (*Student's book page 141 Exercise 3*) (you can download it clicking on the next link: <http://aprende.colombiaprende.edu.co/es/node/94010>). For those students that don't have connectivity, we will add the pages we are suggesting at the end of this guide.

Topic	Skill(s)	Grammar	Vocabulary	Function(s)
The biggest cities	Reading and writing	Superlatives	Adjective	Describing cities.

### GET READY

<b>Study time needed:</b> <b>1 hour</b>	<b>Resources:</b> <i>English dictionary, notebook, pencil, sheets of paper, PDF file of Way to Go Student Book 7th grade.</i>	<b>Textbooks Links:</b> - <i>Way to Go Student's book 7 page 141 Exercise 3</i> - <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C_Ez_knz9NiFWocekZJ0_blrpp8O-uoF/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C_Ez_knz9NiFWocekZJ0_blrpp8O-uoF/view</a>
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### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### LEARNING STRATEGIES

What will you learn/practise/reinforce with these activities?

- To identify the superlative form of adjective in a text.
- To compare the different spelling of an adjective in superlative form.
- To complete sentences using the superlatives learnt.
- To produce a short descriptive text to compare places in writing.





What can you do to achieve the objectives?

- Read carefully all the instructions for each task.
- Classify words in lexical sets.
- Follow a model text.
- Circle or highlight key words written in this guide with a bright color and look for them.
- Ask the teacher (by a message or a phone call) if you have any questions about this self- study guide.
- Look at the examples given in each activity of this learning guide. Read the instructions for each task.









### ACTIVITIES

#### VOCABULARY TASKS (15 minutes)

- a. **Highlight** the correct adjective that describes the image according to the picture as in the example.

<p>A. Example</p>  <p>Big <b>Hot</b> famous</p>	<p>B.</p>  <p>Fast Good Beautiful</p>	<p>C.</p>  <p>Easy Cold Crowded</p>	<p>D.</p>  <p>Slow Cold Interesting</p>
E.	F.	G.	H.



 <p>Famous Good Delicious</p>	 <p>Big Beautiful Old</p>	 <p>Interesting Delicious Hot</p>	 <p>Old Cold Famous</p>
<p>I.</p>  <p>Large Easy Slow</p>	<p>J.</p>  <p>Slow Delicious Beautiful</p>	<p>K.</p>  <p>Big Hot Crowded</p>	<p>L.</p>  <p>Interesting Old Easy</p>

b. Match the superlative form of the adjective as in the example

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Easy</li> <li>B. Famous</li> <li>C. Cold</li> <li>D. Crowded</li> <li>E. Large</li> <li>F. Hot</li> <li>G. Slow</li> <li>H. Interesting</li> <li>I. Delicious</li> </ul> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the easiest</li> <li>the slowest</li> <li>the hottest</li> <li>the most crowded</li> <li>the biggest</li> <li>the most delicious</li> <li>the coldest</li> <li>the oldest</li> <li>the most interesting</li> </ul> |
|--|---|---|



- J. Old
- K. Big
- L. Fast

- the most famous
- the largest
- the fastest

c. Circle the picture that best describes the superlative form of the adjective given.

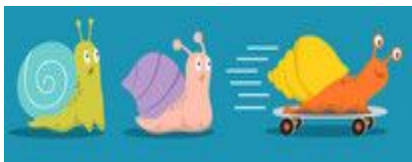
A. Biggest



B. The most famous



C. The fastest



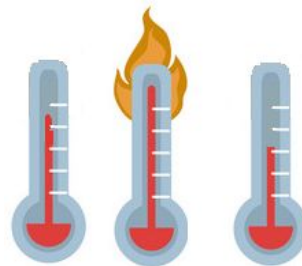
D. the most crowded



E. the oldest



G. the hottest



d. Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the adjective

- A. The snail is the slowest animal in the world.
- B. Bogotá is the largest cities in Colombia.
- C. The Cheetah is the fastest animal around the world.
- D. Uribia is the smallest town in La Guajira.



**READING TASKS** (15 minutes)

Adapted from Way to Go 7- page 140

a.

Read the article and answer the questions (1-6).

**B**ogotá is the largest and most important city in Colombia. More than 7 million people live there, which also makes it the most crowded city in the country. Bogotá offers many interesting places to visit, for example, museums, shopping centres and amusement parks. You can find both cheap and expensive restaurants, which offer a wide variety of dishes to suit everyone's taste. Bogotá is also home to the Transmilenio bus rapid transit system, which



is Colombia's largest public transport system, and has routes to all parts of the city. Medellín is the second biggest city in Colombia and about 2.1 million people live there. The weather in this city is always warm: never too hot, never too cold. It's like spring all year round! There are some amazing places to visit, for example, the incredible aquarium and planetarium at Parque Explora, and of course, the charming town of Pueblito Paisa. You can travel around the city using the Metro de Medellín, one of the world's most efficient public transport systems, which is definitely the easiest and fastest way to travel!

1. What is the population of Bogotá?
2. What places can tourists go to in Bogotá?
3. Is there a variety of restaurants in Bogotá?
4. What is the weather like in Medellín?
5. What is Parque Explora?
6. What is Pueblito Paisa?

B. Answer the following question according to the information,

a. What is the best title for the reading? \_\_\_\_\_

**LANGUAGE TASKS** ( 10 minutes)

A. Complete the information

a. What are the adjectives used on the text?

- |                   |           |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. <u>largest</u> | 6. _____  | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____          | 7. _____  | 12. _____ |
| 3. _____          | 8. _____  | 13. _____ |
| 4. _____          | 9. _____  | 14. _____ |
| 5. _____          | 10. _____ | 15. _____ |

- b. Is the text in present form? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What are the cities described in the text? \_\_\_\_\_



B. Read the sentences and choose the correct answer according to the superlative form.

1. Davivienda Tower is the \_\_\_\_\_ building in Colombia.
  - a. big
  - b. biggest
  - c. biggest
  - d. Most big
2. Uribia is the \_\_\_\_\_ town in La Guajira.
  - a. Hot
  - b. Hottest
  - c. Most hot
  - d. hottest
3. Medellín has the \_\_\_\_\_ planetarium in Antioquia.
  - a. incredible
  - b. incrediblest
  - c. most incredible
  - d. most incrediblest
4. The Metro de Medellin is the \_\_\_\_\_ way to travel.
  - a. fastest
  - b. fast
  - c. most fast
  - d. most fastest
5. The Harry Sasson is the \_\_\_\_\_ in Colombia.
  - a. Expensive
  - b. Most expensivest
  - c. Expensivest
  - d. Most expensive

**WRITING TASKS** (15 minutes)

A. Look at the information in the chart and answer the questions (1-5).

	Bogotá	Medellín	Cali
<b>Population</b>	7.7 million	2.1 million	2 million
<b>Weather</b>	7°C-18°C (cold)	13°C-28°C (warm)	19°C-31°C (hot)
<b>Transport system</b>	Transmilenio (bus)	Metro (metro)	MIO (bus)
<b>Area covered</b>	1,587 km <sup>2</sup>	380 km <sup>2</sup>	540 km <sup>2</sup>

1. Which city has the largest population? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which is the hottest city? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which is the coldest city? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which is the fastest transportation system? Where is it? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which is the largest city? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Choose one of the three places mentioned in part A: Bogotá, Medellín or Cali.

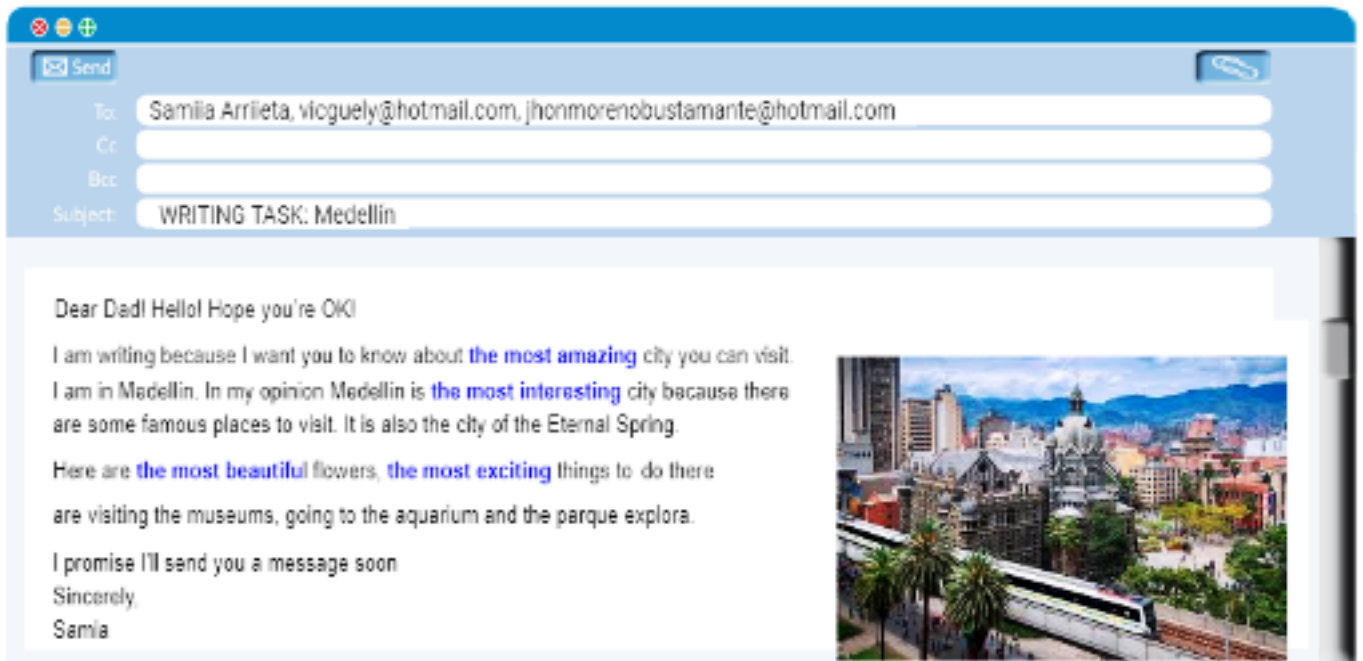


Do some research and find out more information about the city. Imagine you are on a trip. Write an email explaining what people can find there using the vocabulary and language you studied in this guide.

Use the following information to complete your email and send it to your teacher.  
Hello Dear Dad!/mum/Friend

I am writing because I want you to know about...  
I am in..., In my opinion... is the .... Because there are....  
I promise I'll send you a message soon.  
Bye/sincerely/love  
Your name.

EXAMPLE:



The screenshot shows an email composition interface. The header bar is blue with a 'Send' button on the left and a paperclip icon on the right. Below the header, there are fields for 'To:', 'Cc:', 'Bcc:', and 'Subject:'. The 'To:' field contains the email addresses 'Samia Arrieta, vicquely@hotmail.com, jhonmorenobustamante@hotmail.com'. The 'Subject:' field contains 'WRITING TASK: Medellín'. The main body of the email is white and contains the following text:

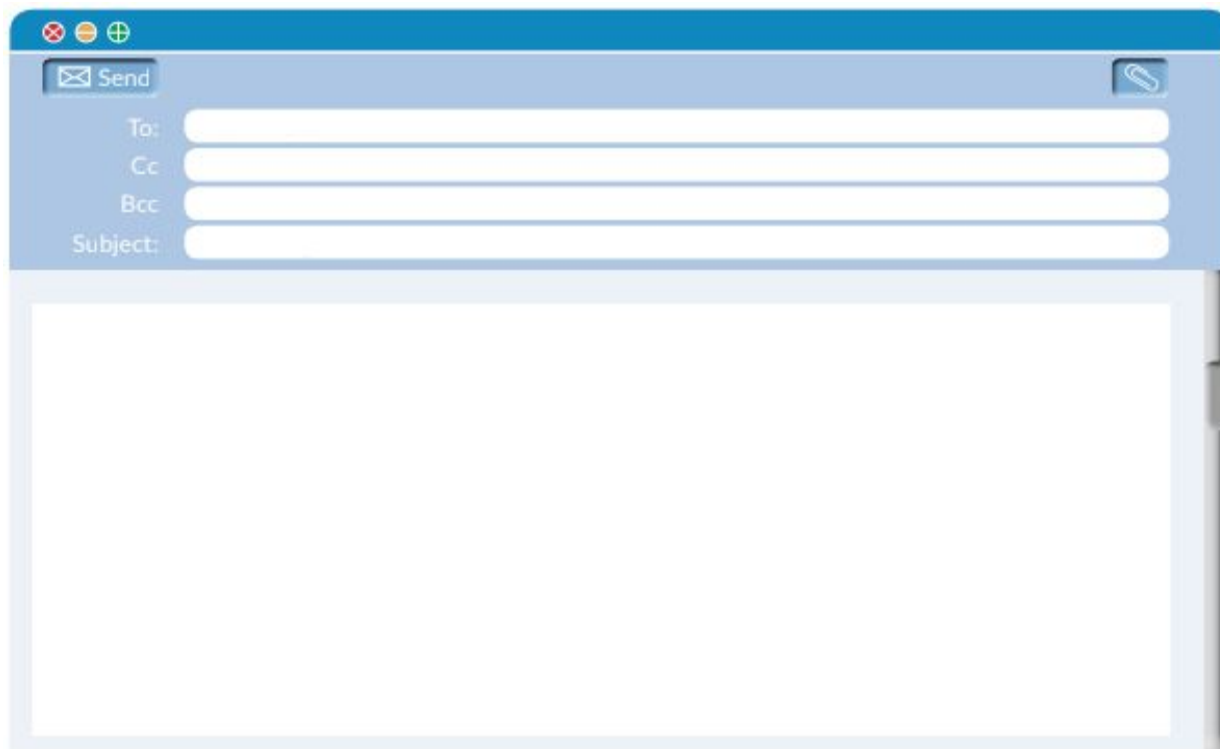
Dear Dad! Hello! Hope you're OK!

I am writing because I want you to know about **the most amazing** city you can visit.  
I am in Medellín. In my opinion Medellín is **the most interesting** city because there are some famous places to visit. It is also the city of the Eternal Spring.



Here are **the most beautiful** flowers, **the most exciting** things to do there are visiting the museums, going to the aquarium and the parque explor.

I promise I'll send you a message soon  
Sincerely,  
Samia

On the right side of the email body, there is a photograph of a cityscape, likely Medellín, showing buildings, a train, and mountains in the background.






**Before you send the email to your teacher, check that you have included the following items:**

In my email I included...	Yes 	Not yet 
vocabulary about superlatives adjectives learnt in this guide		
images to illustrate the city I chose		
a description of what people can do or visit.		
highlight the vocabulary worked in this guide.		
Email to send, subject, greetings and farewell		

**SELF-ASSESSMENT TASKS** (5 minutes)

Tick (✓) the option that shows what you can do.



<p><b>After finishing this self-study guide, I ...</b></p>			
use vocabulary about comparisons;superlative adjectives in a real context.			
inform people to visit different places and write about it.			
identify specific information in a text.			
write email with a specific purpose.			
compare the different spelling of an adjective in superlative form.			

### THIS IS THE END

As your English teacher, we can just say: "thank you and congratulations for having completed this self-study guide about describing cities". We hope you have enjoyed the activities presented in this self study guide and hope you put into practise the topics developed. The e-mail will be share with partners and teachers.

Remember you can use the next useful resources to keep learning this wonderful language.

### USEFUL RESOURCES

Online English- Spanish dictionary:

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/es/diccionario/ingles-espanol/>

British council web page to find information about superlatives and how to form:

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/english-grammar-reference/comparative-and-superlative-adjectives>

To find example of superlative form:

<https://examples.yourdictionary.com/examples-of-superlative-adjectives.html>

Exercise to practice superlative form:

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/grammar-practice/comparatives-and-superlatives>



### ANSWER KEY

#### 1. VOCABULARY TASKS

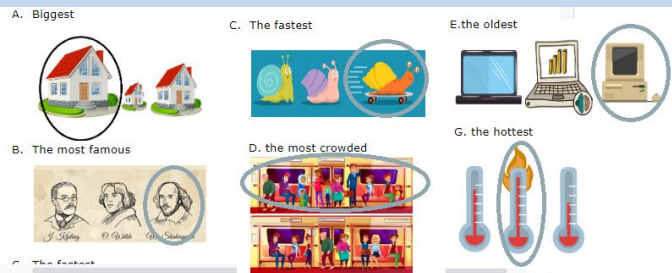
a.

- |                |           |            |         |              |              |
|----------------|-----------|------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| A. Hot         | B. Fast   | C. Crowded | D. Cold | E. Delicious | F. Beautiful |
| G. interesting | H. Famous | I. Large   | J. Slow | k. BIG       | L. Old       |

b.

- A. easy---the easiest    B. famous---the most famous    C. Cold---the coldest    D. crowded---the crowded  
 E. large---the largest    F. hot---the hottest    G. Slow---the slowest    H. Interesting---the most interesting  
 I. Delicious---the most delicious    J. Old---the oldest    K. big---the biggest    L. Fast---The fastest

c.



d.

- A. the slowest    B. the biggest    C. the fastest    D. the hottest

#### 2. READING TASK

a.

- The population of Bogotá is more than 7 millions people.
- Bogotá offers many interesting places to visit, for example, museums, shopping centres and amusement parks.
- Yes, there are. You can find both cheap and expensive restaurants.
- The weather in Medellin is always warm, never too hot, never too cold. It's like spring all year.
- The parque Explora is one of the amazing places to visit in Medellin.
- The Pueblito paisa is a charming town.

B.

- a. Answer may varies.

#### 3. LANGUAGE TASKS

A.

a.

- |                |              |                |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. Largest     | 6. Expensive | 11. Incredible |
| 2. Important   | 7. Wide      | 12. Charming   |
| 3. Crowded     | 8. Biggest   | 13. Efficient  |
| 4. Interesting | 9. Round     | 14. Easiest    |
| 5. Cheap       | 10. Amazing  | 15. Fastest    |

- b. yes, It is.



c. Bogotá, Medellín.

B. 1-b    2-d    3-c    4-a    5-d

#### 4. WRITING TASKS

1. The city which has the largest population is Bogotá.
2. The hottest city is Cali.
3. The coldest city is Bogotá
4. The fastest means of transportation is the Metro.
5. The largest city is Bogotá.

### ORIENTACIONES FINALES PARA LOS PADRES DE FAMILIA

Una vez su hijo o hija termine las actividades de esta guía, sugerimos por favor hacerle las siguientes preguntas las cuales permiten verificar el proceso de aprendizaje:

- ¿Cómo te sentiste durante el desarrollo de las actividades de la guía?
- ¿Cuál ciudad te gusta más para describir?
- ¿Qué nuevas cualidades (adjetivos) aprendiste para describir ciudades? Menciona uno, por favor.
- ¿Qué otras estructuras aprendistes? Mencione en inglés, por favor.
- ¿Cuánto tiempo te tomó desarrollar toda la guía?
- ¿Qué recursos usaste al momento de desarrollar esta guía?
- ¿Empleaste algunos de los recursos sugeridos en la sección *Useful Resources*?

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3.  **Write»** Look at the information in the chart and answer the questions (1-5).

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*Study Tip*

Comparing data and information helps you to analyze the