

# Coffee

## Gap fill

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks.

Here's a story about money, \_\_\_\_\_, and love. This is the story of coffee. Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ when coffee was first made. We do know that the coffee business started in the Middle East in the \_\_\_\_\_. By the 1600s, coffee was \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe.

Some people in Europe wanted their own coffee \_\_\_\_\_. That was a problem. Coffee trees only grew in the Middle East. The people who \_\_\_\_\_ these trees didn't want to sell them.

In the late \_\_\_\_\_, a Dutch company took some coffee seeds and planted them on some warm \_\_\_\_\_ in Indonesia. Today, that country is the world's \_\_\_\_\_ coffee grower.

Some French people played an important role in \_\_\_\_\_ coffee around the world. In \_\_\_\_\_, a French officer visited the French King. The King showed the \_\_\_\_\_ a coffee tree. The officer asked for some \_\_\_\_\_. The King said no. Later that night, the officer went to the \_\_\_\_\_, took some seeds, and \_\_\_\_\_ them on a small island called Martinique.

Coffee trees in Martinique grew \_\_\_\_\_. Over the next \_\_\_\_\_ years, seeds from these trees were planted in South and \_\_\_\_\_ America. Today, \_\_\_\_\_ of all coffee in the world comes from Martinique trees.

The French \_\_\_\_\_ Brazil start its coffee business, in a strange way. In \_\_\_\_\_, Brazil sent a \_\_\_\_\_ man to a small country. After completing his work, he \_\_\_\_\_ the French government for some coffee seeds. The French said no.

The young man made a plan. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ love affair with the wife of the French leader. When he left the country, she gave him \_\_\_\_\_. There were coffee seeds in the flowers. A \_\_\_\_\_ from a secret \_\_\_\_\_ is how Brazil's coffee industry \_\_\_\_\_. Coffee is a great drink. It also has a \_\_\_\_\_ history filled with \_\_\_\_\_ stories.

## Synonym match

Match the words or phrases.

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|-------------|---------------|
| 1. strange  | a. trade      |
| 2. business | b. distribute |
| 3. took     | c. finish     |
| 4. spread   | d. odd        |
| 5. complete | e. stole      |

## True or false

Choose the correct answer.

1. Coffee in Europe was popular in the 1300s. T or F
2. A Dutch company planted coffee seeds in Indonesia. T or F
3. A French king refused to share his coffee seeds. T or F
4. The coffee business in Brazil started with stolen seeds. T or F
5. Most of the coffee in the world comes from one kind of tree.  
T or F

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## Anagrams

Move letters. Make a new word.

UWEDRFLNO \_\_\_\_\_

OEOLNTLDCR \_\_\_\_\_

CSRETE \_\_\_\_\_

RWEOP \_\_\_\_\_

SDLNASI \_\_\_\_\_

DVETIIS \_\_\_\_\_

## ESL discussion questions

Talk about the story

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1. Where does the story take place?
  2. Retell the story of how coffee seeds first arrived in Brazil.
  3. The story mentions three countries with coffee trees. What are they?
  4. How does coffee influence our social life and economy?
  5. How much coffee do you drink every day?
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## Writing practice

Put the words in the correct order.

1. seeds / coffee / the / were / in / flowers / There

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2. their / trees / wanted / Europe / in / own / Some / coffee / people

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3. showed / tree / The / officer / King / a / the / coffee

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4. started / secret / girlfriend / a / from / coffee / how / is / Brazil's / industry / A / gift

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5. these / didn't / people / controlled / to / want / The / sell / who / trees / them

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