Wake Up and Smell the Coffee

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Neil
Hello. Welcome to 6 Minute English, I'm Neil.

Catherine
And I'm Catherine.

Neil
Catherine, I'm _____ to start this programme with a quick test, just for you.

Catherine
Ooo, I love tests!

Neil
Complete this phrase: Wake up and smell the...

Catherine
Coffee Neil! It's _____. I have to say, I love coffee, it's great.

Neil
OK, so do you _____ much?

Catherine
Well, just a couple of cups, you know.

Neil
Every day?

Catherine
No, every hour! I love coffee, don't you like coffee, Neil?

Neil
I do but _____ not as much as you! What's the best thing about it?

Catherine
It's the _____. It's got to be the smell. You know, when you open the packet, it's great, isn't it?

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Neil
Yes, but it never quite tastes as good as it smells, does it?

Catherine
Well no, not really. It's always a little disappointing. I live in hope, another cup, I think it will be better. I might change _____ actually and try a different one.

Neil
OK, you've had _____of coffee today, haven't you!

Catherine
Just the usual six cups.

Neil
Well, our topic today is the smell of coffee and coffee is also the subject of today's question. The world's biggest producer of coffee is...

Catherine
Brazil! Brazil!

Neil
Yes, but that's not the question. The question is, Brazil is the biggest coffee producer, which is the _____ largest coffee producing country? Is it:

a: Colombia
b: Vietnam
c: Ethiopia

Catherine
Right, so it's not Brazil but I bet it's another South American country, so I'm going to go for Columbia. Columbia, is that right?

Neil
We'll have the answer later in the programme by which time, maybe the caffeine will have left your body Catherine. Tim Hayward is a coffee shop _____. He appeared in the BBC Radio 4 programme The Kitchen Cabinet. How important does he say the smell of coffee is?

Tim Hayward, Coffee shop owner
It's absolutely **vital,** it's the **key** thing. When you _____ into the coffee shop in the morning and that _____ hits you, you're getting **physiological responses**.

Neil
So how important is it?

Catherine
I'm feeling a bit calmer now. Tim Hayward says the smell of coffee is **vital**. That means it's very important, it's perhaps the most important thing. And he backs this up by saying

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that it's the **key** thing. Something that's **key** is something that is essential, it's _____important.

Neil
And he says that when you experience the smell, when the smell hits you, you get a **physiological response**. This phrase means your _____ has a reaction to the smell of coffee. Perhaps your mouth begins to water in anticipation. Catherine, when you get a coffee, do you normally have it there or take it away?

Catherine
Well, I usually take it away, although if I'm feeling really in need of a coffee hit, I might have one there and then get another one and take with me.

Neil
Can you describe the container you are given when you have a coffee to go?

Catherine
Yes, it's in a tall paper cup with a lid. And the _____ has a hole in it so that I can drink that lovely coffee.

Neil
Don't you think that's a problem? I mean, we know how important the smell is, so what is the effect of the lid on that experience?

Catherine
The effect of the lid?

Neil
Yes. Well here's Tim Hayward again talking about coffee being served with lids.

Tim Hayward
What **baffles** me is that how many of the large coffee **chains** actually sell a product in a cup that _____ the smell. So, you walk into the coffee shop, you get the smell, but when you actually take the drink out you are drinking it from something that is designed to deliver the hot liquid directly past your tongue but stop any smell coming up to your nose. That's just **weird**.

Neil
So what is he describing there?

Catherine
I see now, yes, He's talking about the big coffee **chains**. A **chain** is a company that has lots of its stores in towns and cities sometimes around the world. I think we can all think of a few well-known coffee chains. He says that by putting a lid on take away cups, you're actually blocking the smell - that smell that is really important to the coffee experience.

Neil
Yes, and he says that he finds that **weird**, which is a way of saying he finds it unusual,

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thinks it's strange, odd. So much so that he says it **baffles** him. If you are **baffled** by something, you find it confusing, you _____ really understand it. Here's Tim Hayward again.

Tim Hayward
What **baffles** me is that how many of the large coffee **chains** actually sell a product in a cup that removes the smell. So you walk into the coffee shop, you get the smell, but when you actually take the drink out you are drinking it from something that is designed to deliver the hot liquid directly past your tongue but _____ any smell coming up to your nose. That's just **weird**.

Neil
That was coffee shop owner Tim Hayward. Right before we have another cup of this week's vocabulary, let's get the answer to the question. After Brazil, which country produces most coffee? Is it:

a: Colombia
b: Vietnam
c: Ethiopia

Catherine, you said?

Catherine
I said it was a: Colombia.

Neil
Ah, sorry, no extra coffee for you today! The _____ is Vietnam. And now on to the vocabulary we looked at. Take it away Catherine.

Catherine
So the first word was **vital**, which is an adjective that means very important. And another word with a very similar meaning was **key**, meaning essential.

Neil
Next we had the phrase **physiological responses**. **Physiological** refers to what our bodies do and a **response** is a reaction. So a **physiological response** is a reaction your body has to something, like the smell of coffee.

Catherine
Something that **baffles** you, confuses you, you don't _____ it.

Neil
You might find something that **baffles** you to be **weird**. This adjective means unusual or strange.

Catherine
And finally, a **chain** is a group of shops from the same company with the same name.

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Neil
Well that is the end of our program. For more from us, check out Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and our App and of course the website bbclearningenglish.com. See you soon, bye.

Catherine
Bye! Fancy a coffee?

Neil
I think you've had _____!

Fill-in the correct Letter

1. A brand	**e**	a. The expectation
2. The tongue		b. An aroma
3. A container		c. To be essential, necessary
4. To be weird		d. A paper wrapping around a cup
5. The key		e. Particular company product
6. A coffee hit		f. A reaction in the body
7. A lid		g. A cup of java
8. A chain		h. The organ in the mouth
9. The smell		i. One of a series of stores
10. A physiological effect		j. The top of a container
11.A response		k. To be strange
12.To be vital		l. To confuse
13.The anticipation		m. The most important part
14.To baffle		n. A reaction
15.A sleeve		o. A holder, a box, a jar
16.Quite a lot		p. multiple

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1.What country produces the most coffee?

_____

2. What country is second in production of coffee?

_____

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