

Coca-Cola

Coca-Cola is a [carbonated](#), sweetened [soft drink](#) and is the world's best-selling [drink](#). Another name is Coke. [The Coca-Cola Company](#) claims that the beverage is sold in more than 200 countries.^[1] The company's headquarters are in [Atlanta, Georgia](#). Coca-Cola's main rival is [Pepsi](#).

History

Coca Cola was first made in the 1800s by [John Pemberton](#). The first sales were at Jacob's Pharmacy in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 8, 1886. They sold it three for five cents a glass, but it was very strong tasting because they did not mix it with water. Coca-Cola was first made the way it is now in [Columbus, Georgia](#). It was called Pemberton's French Wine Coca at first, and was sold as a [medicine](#) to help cure colds and give people more energy. The drink used to be sold at [soda fountains](#) in the United States.

Coca-Cola was first sold in [bottles](#) in [Atlanta](#) on [March 12, 1894](#) with actual cocaine content. It was first sold in [cans](#) in [1955](#). During the first year, sales were about only nine drinks per day. Dr. Pemberton did not think he could make a lot of money with the drink he invented, so he sold parts of his business to different people. Just before he died in 1888, he sold the rest of his Coca-Cola business to [Asa G. Candler](#). Mr Candler, together with some other businessmen, started the Coca-Cola Company.

How Coca-Cola was named

The drink is called "Coca-Cola" because of the [coca leaves](#) and [kola fruits](#) that were used to add flavor. Dr. Pemberton's partner and bookkeeper, [Frank Robinson](#), suggested the name "Coca Cola" because he thought using the letter C twice would look better than if they used a K in the word "Cola". He then wrote down the name to use as a [logo](#) that is now very famous.

Coca-Cola's advertising

Coca-Cola was the first ever [sponsor](#) of the [Olympic Games](#). This was for the [1928 Olympic Games](#) in [Amsterdam](#).

Other products

The company sells many other products, including other sorts of Coca-Cola, such as Diet Coke (1981), Cherry Coke (1985), Diet Cherry Coke (1986), Diet/ Coke with Lemon (2001), Diet/ Vanilla Coke (2002), Diet/ Coke with Lime (2004), Coke Zero (2006), Coca Cola with Orange (2007), Diet Coke Citrus Zest (2007).

True or False. Find the evidence in the text

The drink is sold in less than 200 countries

Coca Cola's headquarters are in Atlanta

Pepsi is a friend company

Coca Cola was invented at the beginning of the 20th century

Coca Cola had cocaine when it was first sold

Questions. Answer using your own words

Where does the name Coca Cola come from?

Why did John Pemberton sell part of his business?

Vocabulary

Find words in the text with a similar meaning

Drink (p. 1)

Enemy (p. 1)

Workmate (p. 4)

Two times (p. 4)

Grammar. Decide if the following sentences are in active (A) or passive voice (P). If active, transform it into passive

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They sold it three for five cents a glass

The drink used to be sold at soda fountains in the United States

Coca-Cola was the first ever sponsor of the Olympic Games

It was first sold in cans in 1955

The company sells many other products