FAIRTRADE COFFEE

Choose a word from the word bank to fill in the blanks.

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imported	beverages	small	more	wage	world

Coffee is one of the most widely available and consumed _____ in the world. Did you know that over one and a half billion cups of coffee are drunk each day? Coffee comes from the beans of the coffee bush or plant. Coffee beans are carefully picked when they are red. This 'green' coffee must be processed, roasted and ground before it can be consumed in delicious _____ at home, in cafés or coffee houses. Coffee beans were first discovered in the _____ of Ethiopia in the fifteenth century. The first recorded cup of coffee was brewed in Yemen, near the Red Sea at about the same time. The popularity of coffee spread from the Middle East to Asia, Africa and Europe. Many countries _____ both coffee beans and the plants that produced the beans. Coffee can be successfully grown in the 'Coffee Bean Belt', between the Tropics of _____ and Cancer. There is sufficient sunshine and moisture in these regions to ensure healthy and profitable crops. Much of the coffee produced in the _____ comes from Brazil, Vietnam, Indonesia and Colombia.

It takes three to four years for coffee plants to bear fruits called beans which are processed into the coffee we drink _____ . There are different varieties of coffee beans. The two most widely produced coffee bean _____ are 'Robusta' and 'Arabica'. An estimated one hundred and twenty five million _____ depend on the coffee crop to live. Eighty percent of the world's coffee is produced by about twenty-five million _____ farmers in developing countries. Small coffee farmers have to compete with large corporations and manufacturers. These farmers don't always earn a steady or reliable _____ from growing coffee. Most coffee bean growers have little or no say in the final price of the processed coffee. But the _____ they receive for the export of these coffee beans, the better their lives and those of their community will be.



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