

## 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](http://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	<b>e</b>	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?

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2. What country is second in production of coffee?

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