

## A short history of coffee



No one knows when the first cup of coffee was drunk. Some people say it was made (make) in the 9th century by a young man in Ethiopia who looked after goats.

He <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (try) the beans of a coffee plant but they tasted bitter, so he <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (throw) them on a fire. But when the beans <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (roast) in the fire, the young man noticed a wonderful smell. He <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the beans from the fire and boiled them with water. In this way, the first cup of coffee <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (produce).

In fact, the first evidence for coffee comes from the 1400s. Plants <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) in Yemen and ground coffee <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (export) to other Arab countries.

People <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (love) the drink and in the 1500s 'coffee houses', or cafés, <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (open) across the Arab world. They were places where coffee <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (drink), chess <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (play) and people <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (chat).

At the end of the 1500s coffee <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) in Europe for the first time. In the next hundred years, coffee plants <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (transport) all over the world by the Dutch, the French and the British. Coffee <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (become) one of the most important products for many countries.