

Lesson Vocabulary



Chance

Produce

Half

Pick

Typically

By hand

Protect

Modern

Unfortunately

The Coffee Plant

How many cups of coffee did you drink yesterday? Where did the coffee come from? There is a good chance that your coffee came from one of these countries: Brazil, Colombia, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, or Ethiopia. These five countries produce most of the coffee in the world today. Brazil produces about half of the world's crop of coffee beans.

The coffee plant is really a small tree with shiny leaves. A coffee plant grows for about three years before it produces any fruit. After that, it produces fruit for about 40 years. The coffee bean is the seed of the fruit.

It's difficult to pick coffee beans. Machines can't do it well, so people pick most of the coffee beans by hand. Workers typically pick between 20 and 40 pounds of coffee beans a day.

The old way to grow coffee plants is under large trees. The trees protect the coffee plant from the sun. The trees are also home to many kinds of birds. On many modern farms, however, farmers cut down the trees they grow the coffee plants under the sun. Large farms can produce more coffee this way. Unfortunately, the coffee plants on these farms need more water and more fertilizer. And without the trees, the birds don't have a place to live.



b Vocabulary: New Context

Put the right word in each blank. These are new sentences for words in the text.

by hand	half	protect	produces	modern
chance	pick	unfortunately	typically	country

1. What country is south of Canada?
2. Feathers protect a bird from the cold.
3. Modern cars have air bags to protect people.
4. Many people make their clothes by hand.
5. How do people pick dates from a date palm?
6. When you cut something in half, you have two equal pieces.
7. The date palm produce dates.
8. Polar bears typically live in cold places.
9. There is no chance that she will come with us.
10. I want to go to the party, but unfortunately I need to work.



C. Vocabulary Review

Underline the word that does not belong with the other three

1. oranges, dates, rice, water hyacinth

2. south, east, west, northern

3. leaves, flowers, fruit, insects

4. broom, machine, roof, sandals

5. ocean, lake, desert, aquarium

6. raise, grow, produce, kill

7. expensive, excited, bored, tired

8. hate, save, kill, hurt



D. Questions

1. Which country produces the most coffee?

Brazil produces the most coffee.

2. When does a coffee plant start producing coffee beans?

It starts producing coffee beans three years after it has been grown

3. For how many years does the coffee plant produce fruit?

It produces fruit for about 40 years.



4. Why do people pick coffee beans by hand?

Because it is difficult for machines to pick the beans well.

5. Why cannot machines pick the beans well?

Because the coffee beans are small.

6. Why do some farms raise coffee plants under the sun?

To make their farms larger and to produce more coffee.

7. Is it cheaper to grow coffee plants under trees or in the sun?

It is cheaper to grow coffee plants under trees because they will not need a lot of water and fertilizers.



E. Comprehension: True/False/No Information

- T 1. The coffee plant is a small tree.
- F 2. There is only one way to grow coffee plants.
- NI 3. Most coffee farms are in southern countries.
- F 4. A coffee plant typically produces fruit for more than 40 years.
- T 5. It's difficult to pick coffee by hand.
- T 6. You need less fertilizer and water to grow coffee under trees.
- T 7. Farms can grow more coffee when they cut down the trees.
- NI 8. It's better to grow coffee plants on large farms.



F. Main Idea

	1. Old way of growing coffee	2. Modern way of growing coffee
a. Plants grow under trees		
b. Plants grow in the sun		
c. Uses more fertilizer		
d. Uses less fertilizer	A	B
e. Produces less coffee	D	C
f. Produces more coffee		
g. Cuts down the large trees	E	F
h. Uses large trees	H	G
i. Uses less water		
j. Uses more water	I	J
k. Doesn't provide a home for birds	L	K
l. Provides a home for birds		

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