

Coffee: reading tasks



- 1 Ask your partner to tell you ...
- a if they prefer coffee or tea,
 - b how much coffee they drink a day,
 - c and how to make a cup of coffee.

- 2 You are going to read an article about coffee. These are the headings to the paragraphs. Speaking only, can you or your partner answer any of the questions? (Who is Kaldi?!!)

What is the Bean Belt?

Who ship, roast and retail the coffee?

How did it all begin?

What made Kaldi's goats dance?

How did it spread?

Is it harvested by man or machine?

Who were the first coffee addicts?

- 3 Now read the article and match a heading with a paragraph.

- 4 Read the article again in more detail. What are the answers to the questions above? Use a maximum of three words.

5 Vocabulary - match the words to their meanings (they appear in the same order in the text).

a commodity	a measured amount
to graze	something which increases one's power to be active for a long time
a stimulant	to separate into levels of rank or quality
to smuggle	an uncomfortable feeling caused by fear or worry
to stimulate	an article of trade or commerce
anxiety	to feed on growing grass
a dose	to take something illegally from one country to another

6 Speaking- in your group answer the following questions:

- Why are coffee houses / cafes so popular around the world?
- Why were the coffee plants guarded so carefully?
- Is coffee harmful?
- Why is coffee harvested by hand?
- Why does the North profit so much from coffee when it is grown in the tropics?
- Why don't the developing countries roast and sell the coffee themselves?
- Can you think of another commodity, which is produced in the tropics, and from which most of the profits go to 'developed' countries in the North?