

Fill in the blanks in these proverbs. Explain the meaning to the group.

1. A stitch in time saves _____.
2. A rolling stone gathers no _____.
3. Absence makes the heart grow _____.
4. Actions speak louder than _____.
5. All that glitters is not _____.
6. All is fair in love and _____.
7. All work and no play makes Jack a dull _____.
8. All's well that ends _____.
9. Ask me no questions and I'll tell you no _____.
10. Bad news travels _____.
11. Beauty is only _____ deep.
12. Better _____ than sorry.
13. Birds of a feather _____ together.
14. _____ is thicker than water.
15. Charity begins at _____.
16. Curiosity killed the _____.
17. Do as I say, and _____ as I do.
18. Don't count your _____ before they're hatched.
19. Don't cut off your nose to spite your _____.
20. Don't wash _____ linen in public.
21. Every _____ has his day.
22. Every family has a _____ in the cupboard.
23. Every man is his own worst _____.
24. Familiarity breeds _____.
25. Fight fire with _____.

Students, read aloud these paragraphs about coffee and coffee culture. Explain the meaning of the underlined vocabulary.

COFFEE AND COFFEE CULTURE

Some people might say Americans are obsessed with coffee. In the U.S., the number of specialty coffee shops has increased greatly over the past few years. In 1995, there were an estimated five thousand shops and sellers specializing in coffee. By 2006, there were almost 24,000.

It's hard to walk down a street without encountering a coffee shop. And chances are, that coffee shop might be a Starbucks. The Starbucks company started in the west coast city of Seattle in 1991. They sell specialty coffee drinks like Frappucinos and White Chocolate Mocha. Starbucks has been pivotal in spreading the coffee culture into people's daily lives.

But many people criticize the aggressive expansion of the Starbucks change. Smaller, independent coffee shops sometimes find it difficult to compete with this large chain.

Research shows that as many as one-third of the people in the world drink coffee. Some people like it for its rich smell and taste. Others like the stimulating effect of caffeine, a chemical in coffee.

Coffee trees are native to east Africa and areas of the Arabian peninsula. It was first grown for profit and traded in the fifteenth century. Most coffee came from what is now Yemen. Soon, coffee was in high demand all over the Middle East. By the seventeenth century, coffee had been introduced to Europe. The Dutch brought coffee plants to the islands of Indonesia. Gradually coffee plants were introduced to many

parts of the world. Today most of the world's production comes from Central and South America. Brazil is the world's largest producer of coffee in the world. Coffee is the second most traded commodity in the world after oil.

Discuss:

1. Do you drink coffee?
2. Which do you enjoy more, coffee or tea?
3. Do you ever drink hot chocolate?
4. Do you ever buy specialty coffees?
5. Do you frequent coffee shops?
6. Do you have any coffee making equipment at your home?
7. Do you allow your children to drink coffee?
8. Is coffee a part of the culture in your country?
9. Do your parents and grandparents drink coffee, or is this more of a young person's drink?
10. Do you drink coffee for the taste or for the caffeine?
11. Is there any other food or drink that is a big part of your culture?