

# Going for a Coffee

*Do you like drinking coffee or tea? In this lesson, you will learn some useful vocabulary and expressions to use at coffee shops. After this lesson, you will be able to order exactly what you want to drink.*

## Pre-Reading

### A. Warm-Up Questions

1. What do you usually order at a coffee shop?
2. Do you prefer caffeinated or decaffeinated beverages? Explain your preference.
3. What do you take in your coffee or tea?



### B. Vocabulary Preview

Match the words on the left with the correct meanings on the right.

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| _____ 1. herbal        | a) made with herbs                                       |
| _____ 2. decaffeinated | b) something that adds sweetness, such as sugar or honey |
| _____ 3. brew          | c) strong  |
| _____ 4. mild          | d) without caffeine                                      |
| _____ 5. blend         | e) to be bothered by                                     |
| _____ 6. dark          | f) a mixture   |
| _____ 7. mind          | g) not strong  |
| _____ 8. in a rush     | h) in a hurry  |
| _____ 9. specialty     | i) to make a beverage by boiling or steeping             |
| _____ 10. sweetener    | j) something that is better than average                 |

## Dialogue Reading

Read the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Practice your intonation and pronunciation. Circle any new words or phrases that you need to practice.

Customer: **Can I have a large coffee, please?**

Barista: Sure. **Would you like our mild, medium, or dark blend?**

Customer: **Do you have any flavored coffee?**

Barista: **Our coffee of the day is vanilla hazelnut.**

Customer: That sounds good. **Is it decaffeinated?**

Barista: No, I'm afraid not. Do you want decaf?

Customer: Yes, please. It's getting late.

Barista: No problem. I'll have to brew a new pot. It will take a few minutes. **Do you mind waiting?**

Customer: Hmm. Do you have any decaffeinated tea?

Barista: Yes, we have lots of herbal teas. We have lemon ginger, orange ginger, or chamomile.

Customer: Great. I'll take a lemon ginger tea. Large, please.

Barista: Sure. **Is that for here or to go?**

Customer: To go. And I'd like some honey if you have some.

Barista: The milk and sweeteners are on the table behind you.

## Practice

Work with your partner. Role-play the dialogue on page 2, substituting the different expressions below. Then switch roles.

1. **Can I have a large coffee, please?**

- I'd like a coffee, please.
- Could I please get a small coffee?

2. **Would you like mild, medium, or dark?**

- Which blend would you like?
- How dark do you like your coffee?
- Is medium blend okay?
- Do you want the mild blend?

3. **Do you have any flavored coffee?**

- Can I add a flavor shot?
- Do you have any specialty coffees?
- Do you have any vanilla syrup?

4. **Our coffee of the day is vanilla hazelnut.**

- Our special today is chocolate amaretto.
- Today's specialty coffee is a French roast.
- Our specials are on the board.

5. **Is it decaffeinated?**

- Do you have decaf?
- Is that decaf?
- Is that caffeinated?

6. **Do you mind waiting?**

- Do you have a few minutes to wait?
- Are you in a hurry?
- Are you in a rush?
- It will be a few minutes.

7. **Is that for here or to go?**

- Is it takeout?
- Do you want that in a to-go cup?
- Do you want that in a mug?
- Are you staying here, or is this to go?

## Listening Practice

Listen to the recording of the dialogue from page 2. Fill in the missing words as you listen. Listen again. Now look back at page 2 and check your work. Did you fill in the correct words? Did you spell everything correctly?

Customer: Can I have a large coffee, please?

Barista: Sure. Would you like our mild, medium, or dark \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Customer: Do you have any \_\_\_\_\_ coffee?

Barista: Our coffee of the day is vanilla hazelnut.

Customer: That sounds good. Is it decaffeinated?

Barista: No, I'm afraid not. Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Customer: Yes, please. It's getting late.

Barista: No problem. I'll have to \_\_\_\_\_ a new pot.  
It will take a few minutes. Do you mind waiting?

Customer: Hmm. Do you have any decaffeinated tea?

Barista: Yes, we have lots of \_\_\_\_\_.  
We have lemon ginger, orange ginger, or chamomile.

Customer: Great. I'll take a lemon ginger tea. Large, please.

Barista: Sure. Is that \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Customer: To go. And I'd like some honey if you have some.

Barista: The milk and \_\_\_\_\_ are on the table behind you.

## Write Your Own Dialogue

Write a dialogue with a partner using phrases from page 3.  
One of you will be a customer and one of you will be a barista.  
Practice and present the dialogue to your class.

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## Review

### Task 1

#### LISTEN & ANSWER

Listen to the conversation and answer the questions.  
Your teacher will tell you if you have to write or say the answers.

1. What coffee strengths are available at this coffee shop?

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2. What is the coffee flavor of the day?

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3. Why does the customer want a decaffeinated beverage?

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4. Name one flavor of tea that is available.

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5. Where are the sweeteners and creamers located in the coffee shop?

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### Task 2

#### PLACING AN ORDER

Imagine you are at a coffee shop and want to place a coffee order. Your teacher is the barista. Tell your teacher what you would like to order and answer his/her follow-up questions.

You will need to provide answers about size, roast, flavor, etc. Don't forget to say whether you will be drinking the coffee at the shop or taking it with you.

## Review cont.

### Task 3

#### TAKING AN ORDER

Imagine you are working at a coffee shop.

Complete the dialogue with appropriate responses.

Then practice the conversation with a partner in front of your teacher.

**Barista:** Hello. What can I get for you today?

**Customer:** I'd like a coffee, please.

**Barista:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Customer:** I'd like a dark roast, please.

**Barista:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Customer:** Yes, what flavors do you have?

**Barista:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Customer:** On second thought, I feel like tea. Do you have any herbal teas?

**Barista:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Customer:** Okay, I'll have a peppermint tea, please.

**Barista:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Customer:** Small, please.

**Barista:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Customer:** To go, please.