

Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Cause & Effect

Read the short story and answer each question.



From Bean to Brew: How Coffee Is Made

Every morning, millions of people around the world drink coffee. But before it fills a mug, coffee goes through many steps. The journey from bean to brew is long and full of science, farming, and careful work.

It all starts with a plant called a coffee tree. These trees grow best in warm, rainy places near the equator. When the berries are ripe, workers pick them by hand or machine. Inside each berry are two green coffee beans.

Next, the beans are cleaned and dried. Some are spread out under the sun. Others go through machines that remove the outer layers. Once dried, the beans are packed into bags and shipped around the world.

When the beans reach a coffee roaster, they're heated until they turn brown and smell rich and bold. Roasting is a key step—it changes the bean's flavor.

After roasting, the beans are ground and brewed with hot water. This releases the flavors and makes the drink people know as coffee.

So the next time you see someone with a warm cup in their hands, remember—it took a lot of steps to get from bean to brew.



Name: _____

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1. What is the first step in making coffee?

- A. Growing and harvesting berries from the coffee tree
- B. Grinding the roasted beans
- C. Roasting the coffee
- D. Pouring the coffee into mugs

2. Why is roasting an important step in the coffee-making process?

- A. It changes the flavor of the beans
- B. It adds sugar to the coffee
- C. It makes the berries grow
- D. It removes all the caffeine

3. Fill in the blank:

Coffee trees grow best in warm, rainy places near the _____.

4. What are two steps that must happen before coffee can be brewed?

5. How do those steps help support the final product of coffee?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: N

Lexile Level: 530L-680L

Grade Level: 3rd Grade, Beginning of the Year

Genre: Informational / Process & Geography

Introducing the Text

"Today we'll read about how coffee is made—from the time it grows on a tree to the moment it's poured into a cup. As we read, we'll focus on the sequence of steps and how each step leads to the next using cause and effect."

Vocabulary: harvest, roast, grind, brew, equator

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. What do you think happens before coffee ends up in a cup?
 2. Have you ever seen a coffee bean or coffee tree?
 3. Why is it helpful to learn the steps of how things are made?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. Where do coffee trees grow best?
 2. What happens to the beans after they are picked?
 3. How does roasting affect the coffee?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. What is the cause-and-effect relationship between roasting and flavor?
 2. How do the steps work together to create the final drink?
 3. Why is it important that each step happens in the right order?
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Activity Idea

Let students make a "Bean to Brew" sequencing chart with six labeled boxes and illustrations for each part of the process. Then have them write a paragraph explaining the sequence using transition words like *first*, *next*, *then*, *after that*, *finally*.

