

Coffee, cups and conversations

A2-B1 | Adults and teens | 45-50 minutes

1. What could they forget?



At a book swap, people bring a book and choose another one. What are the organisers preparing? What could they forget? Think of two ideas.

2. Things or amounts?

Separate things: a cup → two cups. How many cups?

Amounts: some milk, some coffee. How much milk?

In a café: two coffees = two cups of coffee.

Sort these phrases into things or amounts:

three chairs / some milk / two cups / some coffee / a book / some information

3. Listen and solve the problem

Listen to Nia and Tom. What is the problem: drinks or seats?

Listen again. Complete the notes.

People: ____ Coffee orders: ____ Tea orders: ____

Empty cups: ____ Chairs: ____ Extra chairs needed: ____

What should they do? Tell your partner why.

4. Coffee or coffees?

There is some coffee in the pot. / Could we have two coffees?

Which means two servings? Does some coffee tell us the number of cups?

Can we open the café?

A new event: the numbers are different from the recording.

Keep your page private. Ask your partner about the missing information.
Agree what to borrow before the visitors arrive.

CAFÉ STOCK CHECK

Checked before opening

Clean cups	9
Chairs	8
Coffee	Enough for 6 cups
Tea	Enough for 5 cups
Milk	A little; exact amount unknown

Ask B about visitor numbers and drink orders.

Ask, check, decide

How many ... have we got? / How much ... is left?

Have we got enough ...? / We need ... more.

Could you check that? / So we need ... Is that right?

Our plan: We need to borrow _____

Milk: What do you know? What do you still need to check?

Keep the conversation going

Choose a few questions. Ask for details. You can invent an answer or pass.

1. How many people would you invite to a small café event? Why?
2. How much coffee or tea would you make for them?
3. How much milk do you like in a drink, if any?
4. What could you do with too many sandwiches?
5. How many extra cups would you keep ready? Why?
6. What is one useful piece of advice for someone serving drinks?

Follow up: Why? / How much exactly? / What could you use instead?

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BOOK-SWAP CAFÉ / ORDER SLIP

10 visitors • One seat and one clean cup each

Coffee orders	6
Tea orders	4
Milk request	Is there any left?
Supplies	Ask Partner A

Ask A about cups, chairs, coffee, tea and milk.

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1. How much time do you need to prepare a small get-together?
2. How many people can sit comfortably in your kitchen?
3. How much food is too much for a small party?
4. What do you usually have a little of in your fridge?
5. What do you buy in cups, bottles, pieces or packets?
6. Two extra guests arrive. What quantities do you check first?

Follow up: Why? / How much exactly? / What could you use instead?