

WELCOME

Hello my name is Komera Coffee! Komera means 'be strong' in Kinyarwanda.

(the national language of Rwanda)

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This is the Little Book of Fairness, and I'm Bravo Brazil from the Amazon Rainforest. Before we get started, let me introduce you to Komera Coffee, a coffee bean with a superpower to spot fairness wherever he goes. Komera lives in Rwanda in East Africa.

We work with Shared Interest and believe in a fairer world.

Shared Interest helps farmers and craftspeople in 45 countries.

They make sure people are paid well and have enough money to live.



Did you know?

If you see food or handcrafted products in the shops with either of these logos, you know that the producers have been paid fairly.







COFFEE FUN FACTS



HOW WAS COFFEE DISCOVERED?

It is believed that a goat herder in East Africa discovered coffee after he noticed his goats were unable to sleep at night after eating cherries from a certain tree.

COFFEE COMES FROM A FRUIT

Coffee beans are not themselves fruit - but they are part of a fruit. The coffee bean is not technically a bean at all - it's just a seed.



Did you know?

Nearly half of the finance provided by Shared Interest goes to support coffee producers.

COFFEE CAN TASTE DIFFERENT

Each region of the world produces coffee that has a slightly different taste. Factors like the weather and soil type change the flavours. In general, South and Central American coffees tend to be rich and nutty in flavour. African coffees are known to taste fruity.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A
COFFEE FARMER

Maize is also known as corn.

Etienne Nkurunziza is a coffee farmer and member of KOAKAKA coffee co-operative in Rwanda. You can read more about KOAKAKA on page 12.

Etienne's parents and grandparents are coffee farmers and they passed on their farm and their wisdom to him.

Etienne has been growing coffee since he was 15 years old and now also grows beans and maize for his family to eat. His wife now grows coffee with him.

In this photograph, Etienne is standing with his bicycle loaded with a sack of coffee, ready to deliver to the co-operative.

Did you know?

A co-operative is a farm, business, or other organisation which is owned and run jointly by its members who share the profits or benefits.

PRODUCING COFFEE

Elizabeth Arista Salazar is a coffee farmer from COOPARM co-operative in Peru. This is her method of processing her coffee beans. You can read more about COOPARM co-operative on Page 12.







1. PULPING

The production starts at home. Ripe coffee cherries go into a pulping machine, which is like a bath and you leave them to soak overnight. The cherries that aren't ripe float to the top, and are taken out with a sieve.

2. DRYING

The rest is de-pulped the outside of the cherry is taken off to leave the coffee bean. The beans are washed and left out on big trays in the open air to dry in the sun.

3. PACKING

Once dried, they go into sacks that are stored off the ground on wooden shelves, where they're protected from dirt, damp and insects. A COOPARM truck will come to collect them.



TYPES OF BEAN

There are over 120 varieties of coffee plant around the world and each produces a different type of coffee bean. However, the two main types of coffee are called Robusta and Arabica. These two varieties differ in taste, growing conditions, and price.

Can you tell which type of bean Komera and his friend are?



ARABICA



Arabica beans are the most popular type of coffee bean, making up about 60% of the world's coffee. They have a smooth, sweet flavour. The downside of Arabica beans is that they're much harder to grow.

ROBUSTA

The second most popular type of coffee bean is Robusta. Robusta beans are larger and more rounded than the other bean varieties. They have a strong smell and an almost burnt taste. Robusta beans also contain much more caffeine than Arabica beans.



Did you know?

Each different variety of coffee tree produces beans with their own unique flavour. That's over 120 different kinds!

COFFEE AND CLIMATE CHANGE



Ask a grown
up to scan this on
a smart device
to view our
animation on
climate change

Climate change describes a change in the typical weather of a region over a long period of time.

It can cause extreme weather conditions. Etienne has faced some challenges on his farm in Rwanda because of this. Hailstones destroyed some of his coffee trees and a drought affected his harvest.

Etienne said: "There was a time when we experienced hail. There are also times when we experienced a lot of sun that dries the flowers of the coffee plant and that highly decreases the production.

"Depending on the location of everyone's field, there are people whose fields get damaged by land-sliding, heavy rains damage the coffee plantation and erodes the applied manure and mulch away."



BARISTA BUILDER

A barista is a person who makes espresso-based coffee drinks.

Barista is the Italian word for 'bartender.'
To be a barista, you have to learn how to make many different types of coffee drinks.
Some people say it is an art form! When baristas make a coffee drink called a latte, they often make a pattern or design on top of the milky foam.

Komera Coffee has made up six different drinks here to show you how they are made. Fill in any blanks with the stickers in the back of the book.





ESPRESSO



CAPPUCCINO

Look out for cafés that serve Fairtrade coffee and hot chocolate. You will know that they do when you see this symbol.



AMERICANO



MOCHA



Milk Foam

Steamed Milk

Espresso

LATTE

Espresso

AFFOGATO

BABYCCINO

(CHILD-FRIENDLY COFFEE)

You may have tried one of these in a café with your grown-up.

- 60ml milk foam
- Cocoa powder
- Marshmallows
- 1. To make your foam, pour the milk into a Sealable jar and shake for one minute (don't forget to put a lid on).
 - 2. Remove the lid and microwave for 30 seconds.
 - 3. Pour your warmed milk foam into an espresso cup, then add your cocoa power on top.
 - 4. Add your marshmallows and enjoy.



COFFEE FLAVOUR

For some people, tasting coffee is their job! This is called 'coffee cupping'.

Tasters will sip a coffee and identify the flavours and aromas present using the flavour wheel. They swill it around their mouth, making sure the drink has passed over every part of the tongue and the upper part of the mouth too. Aroma is important, so they'll also smell the coffee, separately from drinking it.



Since it was introduced in 1995, the coffee tasters' flavour wheel has become one of the most iconic tools in the coffee industry.



- MAKE YOUR OWN - PLANT FOOD

Coffee grounds are rich in nitrogen, which is fantastic for plant growth.
We can use the grounds to help grow a range of plants in our gardens or on window sills if you do not have a garden.

Handful of chopped banana peel

PLANT

Handful of crushed eggshell

One and a half litres of cold tap water

Here is a really simple recipe to make your own plant food using some easy-to-find ingredients.

Coffee plants collected from a greenhouse in Peru.

Mix all of the ingredients in an empty two-litre bottle, shake well and leave for a day. Water your plants as normal, adding a good splash of the plant food every week.



One

tablespoon

of used coffee

grounds





Shared Interest AUSTRALIA helped KOAKAKA to buy a truck. They also helped **COOPARM** to buy machinery for their factory.

WHERE DOES OUR COFFEE COME FROM?

When we go to the supermarket, it can be fun to think about where the products on the shelves are grown or made. Shared Interest supports growers and makers all over the world. Here are more fun facts about the coffee co-operatives featured in this booklet. Shared Interest helps them pay their farmers on time:

1. RWANDA

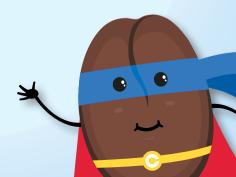
The Nyungwe rainforest in Rwanda is one of the oldest in Africa. It is home to over 1,000 species of wildlife such as the silver monkey and olive baboon.

KOAKAKA coffee co-operative is on the edge of the rainforest. The co-operative has 1,316 members working together to grow and sell their coffee.

2. PERU

COOPARM is a coffee co-operative in the Amazonas region of Peru. It has 542 farmers who work together to grow and sell their coffee.

Shared Interest helps
COOPARM to pay the farmers
when they harvest their coffee.
They don't have to wait until
their coffee is sold.



FOCUS ON RWANDA

Rwanda is one of the smallest countries in Africa. It's a landlocked country in the Great Rift Valley of East Africa.

Rwanda has a population of over 13.4 million people and covers 26,338 square kilometres of land. Its capital city is Kigali. Located a few degrees south of the equator, Rwanda is bordered by Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

It is home to numerous national parks.
At Nyungwe National Park, you can take a canopy walk across a hanging platform about 45 metres above the ground! It is the perfect height to view the wildlife.



In Rwanda, Shared Interest works with farmers producing Arabica coffee.

Mwaramutse

(Mwar-a-moot-say)
That means 'good morning'
in Kinyarwanda.

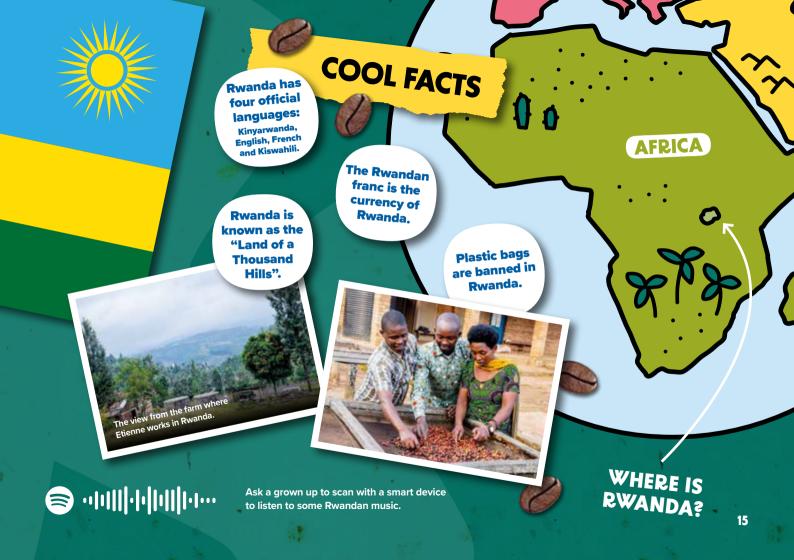
RWANDAN COFFEE

Rwandan coffee tends to have quite a delicate taste with a pleasant, sweet, caramelly aroma and hints of citrus.









FOCUS ON PERU

Peru is the third-largest country in South America, and is located on the western side of the continent.

Peru has a population of over 31.4 million people and covers a massive territory of over 1.2 million square kilometres. Geographically, it's made up of three different regions: coast, highlands and jungle. Its capital city is Lima.

Peru is home to Machu Picchu, an ancient Inca city high in the Andean mountains. One of the most amazing Andean peaks, Rainbow Mountain, got its name about ten years ago when changes in temperature caused the land to change colour.



Almost a third of the farmers and craftspeople Shared Interest supports live and work in Peru.



Buenos días

(Bweh-nohs dee-ahs)

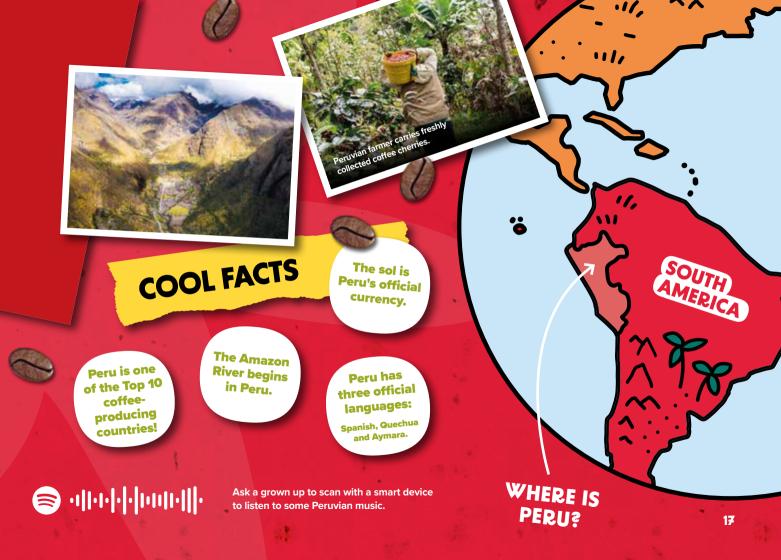
That means good morning in Peruvian Spanish.

PERUVIAN COFFEE



Peruvian coffee is smooth, mellow and flavourful, with mild acidity and a delightful aroma. Most Peruvian coffee beans are of the higher-quality Arabica variety.





SNAKES & LATTES

Help our farmers get their coffee beans to the finish and avoid the slippery snakes.

HOW TO PLAY

- Each player puts their counter on the start space
- Take it in turns to roll the dice. Move your counter forward the number of spaces shown on the dice
- If your counter lands at the bottom of a latte, follow the steam up to the top of the latte
- If your counter lands on the head of a snake, you must slide down to the bottom of the snake
- The first player to get to 'finish' is the winner







Extreme weather has affected coffee farms in Rwanda. Entire crops have been destroyed by hailstones.

MOVE BACK 4 SPACES









Coffee farmers have received trees from the co-operative to plant on their farms. These will provide shade from the sun for coffee plants.

MOVE FORWARD 2 SPACES

























Shared Interest provides finance to the co-operative, which means that farmers can be paid at harvest time.

MOVE FORWARD 2 SPACES











THANK YOU FOR READING

If you enjoyed the Little Book of Fairness we would love to hear from you.

For parents/guardians/teachers: If you have enjoyed the activities in this booklet, please visit our website to discover more free resources.

You might also decide to help farmers by investing. Watch this video to learn more: www.shared-interest.com/what-we-do

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