



KAHWA – KAHVEH – COFFEE

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coffee

c.1600, from It. *caffè*, from Turk. *kahveh*, from Arabic *qahwah* "coffee," perhaps from Kaffa region of Ethiopia, a home of the plant (coffee in Kaffa is called *buno*, which was borrowed into Arabic as *bunn* "raw coffee"). Appeared in Europe (from Arabia) c.1515-1519. Introduced to England by 1650, and by 1675 the country had more than 3,000 coffee houses. Coffee plantations established in Brazil 1727. Meaning "a light meal at which coffee is served" is from 1774. *Coffee break* attested from 1940s. *Coffee pot* from 1705.

cafe

1802, from Fr. *café* "coffee, coffeehouse," from It. *caffè* "coffee" (see *coffee*). The beverage was introduced in Venice by 1615 and in France from 1650s by merchants and travelers who had been in Turkey and Egypt. The first public *café* might have been the one opened in Marseilles in 1660.

mocha

1733, from Mocha, Red Sea port of Yemen, from which coffee was exported. Meaning "mixture of coffee and chocolate" first recorded 1849. As a shade of dark brown, it is attested from 1895.

latte

by 1990, espresso coffee with milk, short for *caffè latte*, from It., lit. "milk coffee" (see *café au lait*).

cafeteria

1839, Amer.Eng. from Mexican Sp. *cafeteria* "coffee store," from *café* "coffee" + Sp. *-tería* "place where something is done" (usually business).

kaffeeklatsch

"gossip over cups of coffee," 1888, from Ger., from *kaffee* "coffee" + *klatsch* "gossip".

cuppa

colloquial shortening of *cup of* (coffee, etc.), recorded from 1925; as a stand-alone (almost always with implied tea) it dates from 1934.



barista

The word is of generic gender and may be applied with equal accuracy to women and men (it is said that the typical barista in Italy is a man).

caffeine

1830, from Ger. Kaffein, coined by chemist F.F. Runge (1795-1867), apparently from Ger. Kaffee "coffee" + chemical suffix -ine (Ger. -in). The form of the English word may be via Fr. caféine.

joe

"coffee," 1941, of unknown origin.

java

1850, kind of coffee grown on Java and nearby islands of modern Indonesia. The island name is shortened from Skt. Yavadvipa "Island of Barley," from yava "barley" + dvipa "island."

mud

As a word for "coffee," it is hobo slang from 1925.

cafe au lait

1763, from Fr. café au lait, lit. "coffee with milk," from lait "milk" (12c.), from V.L. lactis, from L. lactis.