

For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

A to	B by	C of	D with
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Coffee

Coffee is one of the oldest drinks known 0_____ human. It is 1_____ that coffee comes from Ethiopia, where a shepherd noticed how energised sheep would get after chewing on coffee shrubs. These berries even kept sheep 2_____ at night, they could not sleep from the excessive energy. The shepherd decided to give these berries a(n) 3_____ himself and discovered their wonderful effect. The practice of 4_____ the beans and using them in a drink soon followed.

Coffee is believed to have a 5_____ of beneficial effects. It has been scientifically 6_____ that coffee improves your cognitive and physical abilities, helps battle certain mind-affecting diseases, it can even increase one's life expectancy! Of course moderation is key here, so you might want to limit your coffee consumption 7_____ three or four cups a day. Excessive doses of coffee may 8_____ anxiety, panic attacks and make you easily irritated.

1	A told	B said	C pronounced	D exclaimed
2	A away	B on	C in	D up
3	A attempt	B try	C chance	D experiment
4	A cooking	B frying	C roasting	D steaming
5	A figure	B digit	C load	D number
6	A persuaded	B proven	C convinced	D advised
7	A with	B by	C to	D down
8	A cause	B affect	C lead	D result

Answers and explanations

1. **B – said.** "It is said" is the most common passive voice structure here that has the meaning of something that is more or less common knowledge.
2. **D – up.** "To keep somebody up" means to leave somebody without sleep, to keep somebody awake.
3. **B – try.** "To give a try" is to test, try or taste something to see whether you like it or not or whether it is good enough. "To give somebody a chance" has a different meaning – to provide an opportunity to do or show something. Options A and D do not collocate at all.
4. **C – roasting.** This one is more tricky as it is specific to coffee – you roast the beans, not fry or cook them.
5. **D – number.** "A number of" is a set phrase with the meaning "some, several". Other options here do not make a set phrase.
6. **B – proven.** What science does is proves(among other things) certain theory or hypotheses. Options A and C don't make any collocations. Option D would work in a slightly different context: "... scientifically advised to do something/that you do something..."
7. **C – to.** "Limit" is the verb you should be looking at. It is important to understand the difference between "limit to/by". The first means what is actually limited ("Passengers are limited to 30 pounds of luggage each"), while the second is the thing or person the limit is imposed by ("Such actions are limited by the government").
8. **A – cause.** To cause means to be the reason of something. "Result" can be used with a similar meaning, however it should take a different preposition: "to result in something".