Texto 1

Why This German City Has Banned Coffee Pods In Government Buildings

By Esme Nicholson / March 1, 2016.

- 1 While a caffeinated workforce is generally a happy one, it may not be an efficient one at
- 2 least, not from a planetary point of view, according to the German city of Hamburg. As part
- 3 of a wider effort to reduce waste and energy consumption, Hamburg has banned the use
- 4 of coffee pods in government-run buildings, offices and institutions like schools and
- 5 universities.
- 6 Love **them** or hate them, single-use coffee capsules are a quick way to brew a reasonable
- 7 cup of coffee, and Germans use roughly 3 billion pods a year. But Hamburg's Department
- 8 for the Environment and Energy argues that coffee pods cause "unnecessary resource"
- 9 consumption and waste generation," and "often contain polluting aluminum."
- 10 Coffee pods are just one of a variety of products city employees are no longer allowed to
- use on office premises. Mandatory green guidelines now prohibit taxpayers' money from
- being spent on nonrefillable plastic bottles, plastic cutlery, plates and cups, chlorine-based
- cleaning products, air freshener and patio heaters.
- Hamburg is believed to be the world's first city to ban coffee pods. Jan Kerstan, Hamburg's
- environment senator, who announced the move to promote sustainable procurement, says
- 16 the city wants to encourage businesses and private individuals to accept greater
- 17 accountability for **their** purchasing decisions. "Our objective is to increase the share of
- 18 environmentally friendly products significantly, in order to help combat climate change,"
- 19 Kerstan argues.
- 20 And single-use coffee pods have been in the cross hairs of environmentalists. Some, like
- 21 Keurig's K-Cups, are not recyclable (Keurig aims for 100 percent recyclability by 2020).
- Others are recyclable, but that doesn't ensure that those convenient little pods actually end
- 23 up sorted with the plastic and glass not tossed in the trash bin after you've prepared
- 24 your morning cup of Joe.
- 25 Nespresso, Europe's most popular pod provider whose spokesman is the equally
- 26 popular George Clooney says it has 14,000 capsule collection points worldwide, with
- 27 the capacity, at least, to recycle over 80 percent of all used capsules. The company aims
- to raise **this** to 100 percent by 2020.
- 29 In Germany, where municipal recycling amenities are widespread and long-established,
- 30 Nespresso stresses that its almost entirely aluminum pods can be placed into the
- 31 ubiquitous yellow bins in the backyard.

- Nespresso told us that many of its pods end up at aluminum plants for reuse, together with
- 33 the rest of Germany's domestic aluminum waste, such as food and drink cans. But the
- 34 company wasn't able to confirm what percentage of used pods were actually recycled,
- 35 either in Germany or elsewhere.
- Jan Dube, spokesman for the Hamburg Department of the Environment and Energy, told
- us that, to his knowledge, "most of the capsules can't be recycled easily, because they are
- often made of a mixture of plastic and aluminum," Dube says.
- 39 Nespresso says it was surprised by Hamburg's decision. The company insists that
- 40 "portioned coffee makes sense, both economically and in terms of sustainability."
- 41 Nespresso argues that reducing the amount of coffee and water used per cup has a bigger
- 42 impact on carbon footprint than packaging especially packaging made from aluminum.
- 43 Mindful of growing consumer awareness of pod waste, the Italian coffee brand Lavazza
- 44 has developed a "compostable capsule": It's made from biodegradable organic materials
- 45 that the company aims to turn into agricultural fertilizer. Whether that's enough to lure
- 46 connoisseurs of Italian coffee made in traditional espresso machines remains to be seen.
- 47 In Hamburg, at least, the authorities have already made up their minds. Jan Dube says
- 48 they simply cannot justify buying "6 grams of coffee wrapped in 3 grams of packaging" with
- 49 taxpayer money. The city aims to cut down on packaging waste in general whether it
- 50 can be recycled or not.
- 51 Dube says that city authorities throughout Germany have been in touch to inquire about
- implementing similar bans. If the ad campaign "Kill the K-Cup" is accurate, and enough K-
- 53 Cups were discarded in 2014 to circle Earth more than 10 times, then that route might
- 54 bypass Germany in the future.

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o solicitar. Caso não haja espaço suficiente para as respostas, use o verso, indicando o número da questão. 1. O texto discorre sobre a proibição de determinado tipo de produto consumido em algumas instituições de ensino e em alguns órgãos governamentais na cidade de Hamburgo. Que produto foi proibido, em que lugares ele foi proibido e quais são os dois motivos apresentados pelas autoridades para isso? (1 ponto) 2. O texto menciona também outros produtos sendo proibidos na cidade de Hamburgo. Quais são esses produtos e qual o objetivo dessas proibições? (1 ponto)

As perguntas de **1** a **5** referem-se ao **Texto 1**. Suas respostas devem ser redigidas em bom português, em letra legível e sem rasuras. Somente responda em inglês se a pergunta assim

(identificadas em negrito no texto). Escreva suas respostas em inglês. Respostas em português a questão não serão aceitas. (0,25 pontos para cada item)
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b) their (Linha 17):
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5. Compare o produto da Nespresso com o da Lavazza usando os argumentos apresentados no texto pelos fabricantes. (1 ponto)

Text 2

Kids better off at nursery rather than staying at home with mum, say researchers

By Sarah Knapton, science editor. / 16 NOVEMBER 2016.

- 1 Parents unable to give up work to look after their children can breathe a sigh of relief.
- 2 Sending youngsters to nursery is likely to be better for them than being at home, because
- 3 it helps them to develop social and everyday skills, a new report has found.
- 4 In contrast the children of stay-at-home mums **fare** less well, having poorer speech and
- 5 movement, according to research from the London School of Economics and Oxford
- 6 University.
- 7 Dr Laurence Roope, of the Health Economics Research Centre at Oxford, said: "It should
- 8 give parents some reassurance that nurseries are not going to harm their children, and are
- 9 likely to be beneficial."
- 10 "It seems that what is important is engaging in interactive activities with the child."
- "Obviously there are different ways of interpreting the results. It could be there is a trade-
- off. On the one hand, going out to work brings in more money for the family, which leads to
- more financial security and the ability to partake in more activities."
- 14 "But on the other hand it might mean that the bond between parent and child is not as
- great, particularly if the parent is coming in tired or stressed. But overall it seems nursery
- has a significant impact on development."
- 17 The researchers said the benefit of nursery appeared to increase as children spent more
- 18 time there.
- 19 "We're not saying that they should be spending 24 hours a day there, but it does seem
- spending more time there had significant benefits," added Dr Roope.
- 21 The study was based on answers from the German Socio-Economic Panel, which
- surveyed more than 800 mothers and quizzed them about their financial status, education
- and the progress of their children when they were aged two and three.
- 24 Questions such "Can your child cut pieces of paper with scissors?" or "Can your child
- 25 speak in two-word sentences?" were used to gauge how well youngsters were developing.
- 26 Singing children's songs and painting and doing arts and crafts were found to have a
- 27 positive impact on dexterity, which researchers linked to the actions associated with songs
- and the hand skills needed for arts and crafts.
- 29 Reading or telling stories, singing children's songs and visiting other families were
- 30 unsurprisingly also both found to have a positive impact on talking capabilities.

- 31 Prof Paul Anand, an author of the report, said: "[This is] one of first economic studies to
- 32 look at the behaviour of very young children and it comes out with positive messages
- 33 about activity involvement with parents, and shows that different activities promote
- 34 different skills.
- 35 "The results point to the potential value of thinking not just in terms of a general home
- 36 learning environment but also about the specific kinds of activities that parents as carers
- 37 need to engage in, if they want to promote the acquisition of particular skills."
- 38 The researchers said children were often exposed to more stimulating activities at nursery,
- as well as interacting with new children and adults, which helped their development.
- 40 However Laura Perrins, co-editor of The Conservative Woman website and advocate for
- 41 stay-at-home mothers, said the report made it seem that mothers could not be trusted with
- 42 their children.
- She said: "Gosh what an amazing study. No doubt if I dig a little deeper I would find a very
- 44 select group of children chosen.
- 45 "One wonders how so much human progress has been made so far without children being
- in nursery. Although I note little is said about emotional development.
- 47 "Obviously now the most important thing now is for government to make nursery care not
- 48 only favourable but compulsory. The truth is mothers cannot be trusted with their kids!"
- 49 The study also found that spending more time with grandparents boosted talking and
- 50 social skills and having a mother with more years of education also improved early
- 51 development.
- However taking children for a walk outdoors appeared to actually harm development. The
- researchers believe that although fresh air is good for children, being strapped in a buggy
- for long periods could hamper the development of movement.
- 55 The researchers also examined the effect of certain activities on young children and found
- that reading and shopping made them happiest.
- 57 Children with more siblings also had better skills in all areas, suggesting that they are
- 58 learning from older siblings, despite having less time interacting with a parent.

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