

## Pay-as-you-sit 按逗留时间付款的咖啡店

Vocabulary: *time* 词汇: 时间

What's the **allure** of coffee shops? It's been said that JK Rowling wrote the Harry Potter books sitting in one in Edinburgh.

Many people **spend** hours in these places **nursing** a coffee as they work away on their laptops. But if you're spending all day buying one expensive coffee after another and haven't sold your first novel yet, the costs can really **add up**.

For those who work outside of a traditional office or just want to **take time out**, there's a new alternative in London: a **pay-per-minute café**.



*Do you take your time to savour your coffee?*

You can **linger** for as long as you like in the Ziferblat coffee shop. You'll be given a clock when you come in **to keep time**. When you leave, you return the item and pay the bill.

The cost of **hanging out**, eating, working and meeting new people in the place is 3p per minute - or £1.80 an hour. The shop's owner, Ivan Meetin, says: "Everything is free, except the time you spend there".

Customers **help themselves** to coffee and cookies. They can also bring their own food to eat on the **premises** while accessing the internet through **wi-fi**.

Meetin's customers clearly are not the types who **rush** to work with a paper cup to drink from at their desks. They are there for the **ambience**. The new coffee shop's atmosphere is relaxed and a bit **bohemian**. Informality is at the heart of Meetin's concept. He's always loved the idea of building his own house. "With my mates, we were building treehouses where rules of society didn't exist," he says.

Meetin believes his coffee shop is a bit like "social media", but with a face. **Like-minded** people go there to socialise. Some feel so much at home that they wash the dishes.

The concept of coffee shops, where you pay for the time and not for the cup, has proved popular in Russia. Ziferblat is part of a Russian chain. Only time will tell if the British will **warm to** the idea.

I'd like to try it at least once. Who knows - I might even start writing my own novel. If coffee shops are good enough for JK Rowling to spend **quality time** in, why can't I?

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

## Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. Who wrote a book in a coffee shop?
2. What can you get for free in the pay-per-minute coffee shop?
3. What kind of customer might not go to Meetin's coffee shop?
4. Which expression means people who think the same way?
5. Which verb in English is applied to using up time or money?

## Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. My sister lives in another country. When she comes for a visit we \_\_\_\_\_ together.

keep time	waste time	spend quality time	pay for the time
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2. We are like-minded people. We should \_\_\_\_\_ together.

linger	hang out	help ourselves	nurse
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3. My teenage daughter is very quiet. I think she should \_\_\_\_\_ more.

rush	linger	socialise	drink coffee
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4. My teacher is very friendly. He creates \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere in the classroom.

a bohemian	a relaxed	a tense	a traditional
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5. The rules are clear: you can't bring animals into the \_\_\_\_\_.

ambience	atmosphere	premises	alternative
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## **Answers and Glossary** 答案与词汇

### **Quiz** 小测验

1. Who wrote a book in a coffee shop? **JK Rowling.**
2. What can you get for free in the pay-per-minute coffee shop? **Coffee, food and internet access.**
3. What kind of customer might not go to Meetin's coffee shop? **People in a hurry who just want coffee to take away.**
4. Which expression means people who think the same way? **Like-minded people.**
5. Which verb in English is applied to using up time or money? **To spend.**

### **Exercise** 练习

1. My sister lives in another country. When she comes for a visit we **spend quality time** together.
2. We are like-minded people. We should **hang out** together.
3. My teenage daughter is very quiet. I think she should **socialise** more.
4. My teacher is very friendly. He creates **a relaxed** atmosphere in the classroom.
5. The rules are clear: you can't bring animals into the **premises.**

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>allure</b>	魅力
<b>to spend</b>	度过 (时光)
<b>to nurse</b>	慢慢喝(咖啡)
<b>to add up</b>	累计
<b>to take time out</b>	抽出时间休息
<b>pay-per-minute</b>	按分钟付费
<b>a café</b>	一个咖啡店
<b>to linger</b>	逗留
<b>to keep time</b>	计时
<b>to hang out</b>	出去玩、消遣
<b>to help (yourself)</b>	自己拿取东西
<b>the premises</b>	场地
<b>wi-fi</b>	无线网络
<b>to rush</b>	匆忙赶去
<b>ambience</b>	氛围
<b>bohemian</b>	波西米亚式的, 不拘于传统的
<b>like-minded</b>	志同道合的
<b>to warm to</b>	接受, 喜欢
<b>quality time</b>	优质、宝贵时光