

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

Answer Keys

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`.