

TOPIC 3: Meetings - Between Culture and Friends

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THE CULTURE OF CAFES

Why I have chosen this topic?



I got retired in 2012. One of my greatest pleasures is drinking a cup of coffee in one of the cafes in the city centre. Drinking coffee at home or at friends' place does not count. Coffees during morning breaks at work also do not count. That was just the pleasant part of the day breaking numerous obligations at work. On the other hand a cup of coffee in a cafe is a pure pleasure. I have, or better, I take time for it. It means meeting with one or several friends. A relaxing chat about the family, children, last or planned holidays, cultural events, reading books... and if we run out of topics, we can also say a word or

two about the weather. Only one, maybe two coffees a week.

My generation started being employed in the socialist times. As a grammar school student and later as a university student I did not go to cafes. When got employed and started a family, there was simply no time. We mostly drank coffees outside home, mainly on holidays in different cities where our families spent vacations.

Regarding the project topic that was proposed – individual guiding tour around our hometown – I thought about our relatives, living abroad and coming regularly back to Slovenia. We altogether go for a visit of our beautiful city and the visit always ends in one of the cafes.

The tour around our city may also end with a cup of good coffee and a chat.