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Café Conversations

Directions: Read the dialogue carefully, focusing on how each traveler speaks. Identify words, phrases, or sentence rhythms that reveal where they might be from. **Highlight or underline** language that reflects regional or cultural traits. Then, **explain** how speech patterns create unique voices for each character.



Coffee Connections

Lena (New York): "Can you believe this line? I've got places to be, people to call, and this espresso's takin' forever."

Caleb (Louisiana): "Darlin', you gotta let the day breathe a bit. Down home, we don't rush the coffee or the company."

Rafi (London): "You Americans talk so fast! Back home, we'd queue quietly and complain later, never in public."

Lena: "Yeah, well, quiet complaining ain't exactly our style."

Caleb: "And that right there's why I like travelin'. Folks speak the same, but mean it different."

1. Which traveler's speech shows signs of **regional slang or phrasing**? Give examples.
2. How does sentence rhythm differ between the characters?
3. What cultural or regional background can you infer from each voice?
4. How do these accents or rhythms add realism to the scene?