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Café Conversations Answer Key

1. Lena's dropped "g" and fast-paced phrasing show a New York accent; Caleb's "darlin'" and "let the day breathe" reflect Southern warmth; Rafi's "queue" and polite phrasing mark British speech.
2. Lena's sentences are clipped and hurried, Caleb's are slow and drawling, Rafi's are formal and rhythmic.
3. Voices reflect city culture (New York hustle), Southern hospitality, and British politeness.
4. Their dialects and speech rhythms make each character distinct and authentic.

Teacher's Guide:

- **Skill Focus:** Helps students recognize **voice through syntax, dialect, and rhythm**, deepening cultural and linguistic awareness.
- **Before Reading:** Review how accent and dialect differ from pronunciation; focus on word choice and sentence structure.
- **During Reading:** Have students read the dialogue aloud using the accents or rhythms implied by the text.
- **After Reading:** Discuss how each character's way of speaking shows not only *where* they're from, but *how* they view the world.
- **Extension Idea:** Students create a short café dialogue using two new characters from different regions, maintaining authentic syntax and slang.