

# Starbucks asks customers not to bring desktop PCs

## Vocabulary Match

- equipment ●      spokesperson ●      refrain ●      bulky ●      remote ●      policy ●
- big      ● home      ● rule      ● tools      ● stop      ● speaker

## Article

Starbucks in South Korea is asking customers not to bring large work equipment like printers and desktop computers to their cafés. The company wants everyone to have a good experience in the store. A Starbucks spokesperson said, "While laptops and smaller personal devices are welcome, customers are asked to refrain from bringing desktop computers, printers, or other bulky items."

In South Korea, many people use cafés as places to work, especially after COVID-19 made remote work more common. Some café owners are unhappy because people stay for a long time with just one cup of coffee. This change in policy shows Starbucks wants to keep its cafés as places for relaxation, not as offices.

## Quiz

1. What does Starbucks ask customers not to bring to their cafés?
2. Who made a statement on behalf of Starbucks?
3. Why do many people use cafés in South Korea?
4. What does Starbucks want their cafés to be used for?

## Conversation

- A: Did you see the new rule at Starbucks?  
B: Yeah, they don't want people bringing big equipment anymore.  
A: Makes sense. A desktop or printer takes up a lot of space.  
B: True, and the cafés are meant for relaxation, not offices.  
A: Laptops are fine though, right?  
B: Yes, smaller devices are still welcome.

## Discussion

1. What do you usually take with you when you go to a café?
2. How long do you usually stay in a café?
3. Do you think working in a café is a good idea?
4. What is your favorite drink to order at a café?