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Answer: right away
Pour the cream in right away. In so doing, you lighten the color of the coffee. When the coffee is black, it is a better radiator and will cool faster than when it is lighter in color. Perhaps you can think of some other reasons for pouring the cream right away.