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Level 1 – 27th April 2023

Traditional English tea losing popularity in UK

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230427-breakfast-tea-1.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230427-breakfast-tea-1.html>

British people love tea. They drink it for different reasons - for breakfast, to give to guests, for tea breaks at work, and even when talking about their problems. New research shows that herbal, fruit and other teas are more popular than English breakfast tea. A survey of over 2,000 tea lovers showed less than half of people said they preferred traditional tea. Over a fifth of people said green tea was their favourite.

Sales of traditional tea have fallen. The research shows this will continue. The researchers found many other things about tea-drinking in the UK. The biggest reason for drinking tea was to relax. A quarter of people drink up to 10 cups a day. British people love milky and sugary tea. Nearly 45 per cent of them sweeten their tea with sugar. People with a sweet tooth put three teaspoons of sugar in their tea.

Sources: <https://yougov.co.uk/topics/consumer/articles-reports/2020/11/24/how-do-british-tea-drinking-habits-compare>
<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/food-and-drink/herbal-tea-english-breakfast-brew-b2324130.html>
<https://retailtimes.co.uk/over-half-of-brits-move-away-from-traditional-english-breakfast-tea-as-their-preferred-blend-research-finds/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. They drink it for | a. traditional tea |
| 2. tea | b. about their problems |
| 3. even when talking | c. their favourite |
| 4. fruit and other teas | d. different reasons |
| 5. A survey of over | e. of people |
| 6. people said they preferred | f. breaks at work |
| 7. Over a fifth | g. are more popular |
| 8. green tea was | h. 2,000 tea lovers |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Sales of traditional tea | a. a sweet tooth |
| 2. research shows this | b. them |
| 3. people drink up | c. of sugar |
| 4. British people love milky | d. to 10 cups a day |
| 5. Nearly 45 per cent of | e. have fallen |
| 6. sweeten their | f. will continue |
| 7. People with | g. tea with sugar |
| 8. three teaspoons | h. and sugary tea |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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British (1) _____. They drink it for different reasons - for breakfast, to (2) _____, for tea breaks at work, and even when talking about their problems. New research shows that herbal, (3) _____ teas are more popular than English breakfast tea. A (4) _____ 2,000 tea lovers showed less than half of people (5) _____ traditional tea. Over (6) _____ people said green tea was their favourite.

Sales of traditional (7) _____. The research shows (8) _____. The researchers found many other things about tea-drinking in the UK. The biggest reason for drinking tea (9) _____. A quarter of people drink up to 10 cups a day. British people love (10) _____ tea. Nearly 45 per cent of them (11) _____ with sugar. People with (12) _____ put three teaspoons of sugar in their tea.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TEA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230427-breakfast-tea-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tea in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

