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Traditional English tea losing popularity in UK

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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British people are big tea drinkers. They drink it for different reasons. People have it for breakfast, to give to guests, for tea breaks at work, and even when they talk about their problems. However, new research shows that herbal, fruit and other teas are now more popular than English breakfast tea. Researchers surveyed more than 2,000 tea lovers. Over half of them said their favourite tea was not the traditional "cuppa". Over a fifth of people said green tea was their favourite. Just over 20 per cent chose Earl Grey as their number one.

Sales of traditional breakfast tea have been falling. The new research shows this will continue. Three years ago, 54 per cent of Britons preferred English breakfast tea. The researchers found many other things about tea-drinking in the U.K. The biggest reason for drinking tea was to relax. A quarter of people drink up to 10 cups a day. Brits love milky and sugary tea. Around 85 per cent of them put milk in their tea. Nearly 45 per cent sweeten their tea with sugar. People with a sweet tooth put three teaspoons of sugar in their cup.

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. British people are big | a. of people |
| 2. They drink it | b. breaks at work |
| 3. for tea | c. their number one |
| 4. other teas are now more | d. half of them |
| 5. more than 2,000 tea | e. tea drinkers |
| 6. Over | f. lovers |
| 7. Over a fifth | g. for different reasons |
| 8. 20 per cent chose Earl Grey as | h. popular |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. research shows | a. a sweet tooth |
| 2. The biggest reason for drinking tea | b. and sugary tea |
| 3. people drink up | c. this will continue |
| 4. Brits love milky | d. of sugar |
| 5. 85 per cent of them | e. to 10 cups a day |
| 6. sweeten their | f. was to relax |
| 7. People with | g. tea with sugar |
| 8. three teaspoons | h. put milk in their tea |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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British people are (1) _____. They drink it for different reasons. People (2) _____ breakfast, to give to guests, for tea (3) _____, and even when they talk about their problems. However, new research shows that herbal, fruit and other teas are (4) _____ than English breakfast tea. Researchers surveyed more than 2,000 tea lovers. Over (5) _____ said their favourite tea was not the traditional "cuppa". Over a fifth of people said green tea was their favourite. Just over 20 per cent chose Earl Grey (6) _____ one.

Sales of traditional breakfast tea (7) _____. The new research shows this will continue. Three years ago, 54 per cent of Britons preferred English breakfast tea. The researchers found (8) _____ about tea-drinking in the U.K. The biggest reason for drinking tea (9) _____. A quarter of people drink up to 10 cups a day. Brits love (10) _____ tea. Around 85 per cent of them (11) _____ their tea. Nearly 45 per cent sweeten their tea with sugar. People with (12) _____ put three teaspoons of sugar in their cup.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TEA SURVEY

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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) _____

