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Level 0 – 25th September 2025

Scientists say they can grow tea on the Moon

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Researchers say we could grow tea on the Moon. They said they were "at the very earliest stages of research into space agriculture". This might mean astronauts could take part in the British tradition of having a tea break. It could also be good news for farmers who have problems growing plants in bad soil.

The researchers wanted to know if plants could grow on the Moon and Mars. They made a special soil like the soil found there. The soil and special greenhouses in space could give astronauts fresh food. A researcher was happy that tea might be grown on the Moon. However, she said tea might not grow on Mars.

Sources: <https://www.earth.com/news/tea-plants-show-promise-for-growing-food-on-the-moon/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. we could grow tea | a. break |
| 2. at the very earliest | b. have problems |
| 3. research into space | c. on the Moon |
| 4. take part in the British | d. soil |
| 5. having a tea | e. agriculture |
| 6. It could also be good | f. tradition |
| 7. farmers who | g. stages |
| 8. growing plants in bad | h. news |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. The researchers wanted | a. in space |
| 2. They made a special | b. on the Moon |
| 3. like the soil found | c. to know |
| 4. special greenhouses | d. grow on Mars |
| 5. give astronauts fresh | e. there |
| 6. A researcher was | f. food |
| 7. tea might be grown | g. soil |
| 8. tea might not | h. happy |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Researchers (1) _____ grow tea on the Moon. They said they were "(2) _____ earliest stages of (3) _____ agriculture". This might mean astronauts (4) _____ in the British tradition of having (5) _____. It could also be good news for farmers who have problems growing (6) _____ soil.

The researchers wanted (7) _____ plants could (8) _____ Moon and Mars. They (9) _____ soil like the soil found there. The soil and special greenhouses (10) _____ give astronauts fresh food. A researcher (11) _____ tea might be grown on the Moon. However, she said tea (12) _____ on Mars.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TEA

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **tea** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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