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Scientists say they can grow tea on the Moon

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THE ARTICLE

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Scientists have said that it might be possible to grow tea on the Moon. Researchers from the University of Kent in the UK believe the lunar soil is good enough for tea plants to grow in. Lead researcher Professor Nigel Mason said: "We are at the very earliest stages of research into space agriculture." He added: "It is reassuring that we may be able to provide access to the great British tradition of a tea break." This is good news for astronauts who visit the Moon in the future. They will be able to have a cup of Moon-grown tea. It could also be good news for farmers who struggle to grow crops in poor soil. Researchers hope farmers worldwide will be able to farm even in poor soil.

Professor Mason and his team investigated whether tea plants could grow in lunar and Martian soil. He said: "Our experiments reveal that...plants such as tea may be cultivated in lunar soil within lunar greenhouses, allowing inhabitants of such bases some degree of [independence] and access to fresh food." The researchers planted tea in a special soil they made that is close to the type of soil found on the Moon and on Mars. Fellow researcher Dr Sara Lopez-Gomollon was happy with her findings. She said: "The results of this project are very encouraging, as they demonstrate that tea...can be grown in lunar soil." Unfortunately, the tea plants did not grow in the Martian soil.

Sources: <https://www.earth.com/news/tea-plants-show-promise-for-growing-food-on-the-moon/>
<https://phys.org/news/2025-09-tea-lunar-soil.html>
<https://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/weird-news/tea-can-grown-moon-calls-35931787>

WARM-UPS

1. THE MOON: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the Moon. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

scientists / tea / the Moon / soil / plants / research / space / agriculture / astronauts / Mars / greenhouses / inhabitants / independence / fresh food / happy / project / grow

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. RELAX: Students A **strongly** believe tea is the best drink when relaxing; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PLANTS: What do you know about these plants? How useful are they Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	How Useful
Tea		
Bamboo		
Turmeric		
Rubber		
Rice		
Coconut		

5. GROW: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "grow". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. TEA: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at tea the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- English
- Earl Gray
- Green Tea
- Rooibos
- Chamomile
- Oolong
- Jasmine
- Chai

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. lunar | a. Making someone feel safe or less worried. |
| 2. soil | b. About the Moon. |
| 3. agriculture | c. The work of growing plants and keeping animals for food. |
| 4. reassuring | d. A time to stop work for 10-15 minutes to have a drink. |
| 5. tradition | e. Have a hard time doing something. |
| 6. tea break | f. The top part of the ground where plants grow. |
| 7. struggle | g. Something people usually do in a group or family for a long time. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. investigated | h. Prepared land for growing plants. |
| 9. Martian | i. Show how something works or how to do it. |
| 10. reveal | j. People or animals that live in a place. |
| 11. cultivated | k. Show something that was hidden or secret. |
| 12. greenhouses | l. Glass (or clear plastic) buildings where plants are grown. |
| 13. inhabitants | m. Looked at something carefully to find the truth. |
| 14. demonstrate | n. About the planet Mars; a person from Mars. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2509/250925-tea-on-the-moon.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Scientists have successfully grown tea on the Moon. **T / F**
2. Scientists say they are just beginning to look into space farming. **T / F**
3. Astronauts may one day be able to have an English-style tea break. **T / F**
4. The research may help farmers who farm in poor soil. **T / F**
5. The researchers looked at growing tea on five different planets. **T / F**
6. There could one day be greenhouses on the Moon. **T / F**
7. Scientists used real soil from the Moon. **T / F**
8. The test tea grew well in Moon-like and Mars-like soil. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. believe | a. level |
| 2. soil | b. farming |
| 3. agriculture | c. sadly |
| 4. tradition | d. try hard |
| 5. struggle | e. show |
| 6. investigated | f. think |
| 7. reveal | g. hopeful |
| 8. degree | h. earth |
| 9. encouraging | i. looked into |
| 10. unfortunately | j. custom |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. it might be possible to | a. tea plants could grow |
| 2. lunar soil is good | b. stages of research |
| 3. We are at the very earliest | c. on the Moon |
| 4. the great British tradition | d. cultivated |
| 5. for farmers who struggle | e. enough for tea plants to grow in |
| 6. his team investigated whether | f. food |
| 7. plants such as tea may be | g. to grow crops |
| 8. access to fresh | h. grow tea on the Moon |
| 9. close to the type of soil found | i. encouraging |
| 10. The results of this project are very | j. of a tea break |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2509/250925-tea-on-the-moon.html>

Scientists have said that it might be (1) _____ to grow tea on the Moon. Researchers from the University of Kent in the UK believe the lunar soil is good (2) _____ for tea plants to grow in. Lead researcher Professor Nigel Mason said: "We are at the very (3) _____ stages of research into space agriculture." He added: "It is reassuring that we may be able to provide (4) _____ to the great British tradition of a tea break." This is (5) _____ news for astronauts who visit the Moon in the (6) _____. They will be able to have a cup of Moon-grown tea. It could also be good news for (7) _____ who struggle to grow crops in poor soil. Researchers hope farmers (8) _____ will be able to farm even in poor soil.

enough
worldwide
future
good
possible
farmers
access
earliest

Professor Mason and his team (9) _____ whether tea plants could grow in lunar and Martian soil. He said: "Our experiments (10) _____ that...plants such as tea may be cultivated in lunar soil within lunar greenhouses, allowing inhabitants of such bases some (11) _____ of [independence] and access to fresh food." The researchers planted tea in a special soil they made that is (12) _____ to the type of soil found on the Moon and on Mars. Fellow researcher Dr Sara Lopez-Gomollon was (13) _____ with her findings. She said: "The (14) _____ of this project are very encouraging, as they (15) _____ that tea...can be grown in lunar soil." Unfortunately, the tea plants did not grow in the (16) _____ soil.

close
reveal
degree
demonstrate
results
Martian
investigated
happy

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2509/250925-tea-on-the-moon.html>

- 1) Scientists have said that it might be possible to grow tea _____
 - a. in the Moon
 - b. on the Moon
 - c. at the Moon
 - d. of the Moon
- 2) Researchers from the University of Kent in the UK believe the lunar soil _____
 - a. is best enough
 - b. is good enough
 - c. is well enough
 - d. is better enough
- 3) We are at the very earliest stages of research _____
 - a. into spacey agriculture
 - b. into spaced agriculture
 - c. into spaces agriculture
 - d. into space agriculture
- 4) It is reassuring that we may be able to provide access to the _____
 - a. great British traditional
 - b. grate British tradition
 - c. great British tradition
 - d. greet British tradition
- 5) It could also be good news for farmers who struggle to grow crops _____
 - a. in poor soil
 - b. on poor soil
 - c. up poor soil
 - d. down poor soil
- 6) Professor Mason and his team investigated whether tea _____
 - a. plant could grow
 - b. plants could grow
 - c. plants could glow
 - d. plants could growl
- 7) plants such as tea may be cultivated in lunar soil _____
 - a. within lunar jailhouses
 - b. within lunar doghouses
 - c. within lunar powerhouses
 - d. within lunar greenhouses
- 8) The researchers planted tea in a special soil they made that is close to the _____
 - a. typed of soil
 - b. type of soil
 - c. typing of soil
 - d. tape of soil
- 9) Fellow researcher Dr Sara Lopez-Gomollon was happy _____
 - a. with her find things
 - b. with her founding
 - c. with her findings
 - d. with her funding
- 10) Unfortunately, the tea plants did not grow in _____
 - a. the martin soil
 - b. the mating soil
 - c. the Martian soil
 - d. the matting soil

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Professor Mason (7) _____ investigated whether tea plants could grow in lunar and Martian soil. He said: "Our experiments (8) _____ such as tea may be cultivated in lunar soil within lunar greenhouses, allowing inhabitants of such bases (9) _____ [independence] and access to fresh food." The researchers planted tea in a special soil they made (10) _____ to the type of soil found on the Moon and on Mars. Fellow researcher Dr Sara Lopez-Gomollon was happy with her findings. She said: "The results (11) _____ are very encouraging, as they demonstrate that tea... (12) _____ in lunar soil." Unfortunately, the tea plants did not grow in the Martian soil.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2509/250925-tea-on-the-moon.html>

1. What is the name of the university that conducted this research?
2. What research are scientists in the earliest stages of?
3. What British tradition was mentioned in the article?
4. Who might get to enjoy a cup of tea on the moon?
5. What do some farmers struggle to do?
6. In what two kinds of soil did scientists try to make tea plants grow?
7. What could greenhouses on the Moon provide astronauts access to?
8. How did researcher Dr Sara Lopez-Gomollon feel about her findings?
9. What did a researcher say about her test results?
10. In what kind of soil did tea plants not grow?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2509/250925-tea-on-the-moon.html>

- 1) What is the name of the university that conducted this research?
 - a) Canterbury
 - b) Essex
 - c) London
 - d) Kent
- 2) What research are scientists in the earliest stages of?
 - a) growing rice
 - b) space agriculture
 - c) making the perfect cup of tea
 - d) growing coffee beans
- 3) What British tradition was mentioned in the article?
 - a) shaking hands
 - b) fish and chips
 - c) cheese rolling
 - d) a tea break
- 4) Who might get to enjoy a cup of tea on the moon?
 - a) everyone
 - b) Wallace and Gromit
 - c) astronauts
 - d) a tea plantation owner
- 5) What do some farmers struggle to do?
 - a) survive
 - b) make tea
 - c) GM food
 - d) farm in poor soil
- 6) In what two kinds of soil did scientists try to make tea plants grow?
 - a) light and heavy soil
 - b) acidic and alkaline soil
 - c) lunar and Martian soil
 - d) peat and clay
- 7) What could greenhouses on the Moon provide astronauts access to?
 - a) fresh food
 - b) heat
 - c) a place to relax
 - d) cucumbers
- 8) How did researcher Dr Sara Lopez-Gomollon feel about her findings?
 - a) sad
 - b) confused
 - c) happy
 - d) excited
- 9) What did a researcher say about her test results?
 - a) They were important.
 - b) They were encouraging.
 - c) They were difficult to understand.
 - d) They were awesome.
- 10) In what kind of soil did tea plants not grow?
 - a) Martian soil
 - b) soil full of weeds
 - c) soil with no worms
 - d) heavy soil

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2509/250925-tea-on-the-moon.html>

Role A – English Tea

You think English tea is the best tea. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their tea. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): green tea, chai or jasmine tea.

Role B – Green Tea

You think green tea is the best tea. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their tea. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): English tea, chai or jasmine tea.

Role C – Chai

You think chai is the best tea. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their tea. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): green tea, English tea or jasmine tea.

Role D – Jasmine Tea

You think jasmine tea is the best tea. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their tea. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): green tea, chai or English tea.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2509/250925-tea-on-the-moon.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'tea' and 'Moon'.

tea	Moon

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• possible• enough• earliest• access• visit• struggle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• team• reveal• allowing• type• project• unfortunately
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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.

TEA DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'tea'?
3. What do you think of tea?
4. What do you think of growing tea on the Moon?
5. Would you like to eat food grown on the Moon?
6. What would it be like to be an astronaut?
7. What do you think of the idea of farms on the Moon?
8. Why is it important we learn more about space agriculture?
9. What do you think of the idea of having tea breaks?
10. How can we help farmers to grow better crops?

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TEA DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'moon'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What kinds of tea do you like and dislike?
15. Do you think Moon-grown tea would be safe?
16. Which is better, tea or coffee?
17. Which is better, green tea or black tea?
18. What do you think of your country's national drink?
19. When is the best time to drink tea?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Professor Mason and his team investigated (7) _____ tea plants could grow in lunar and Martian soil. He said: "Our experiments reveal that...plants such (8) _____ tea may be cultivated in lunar soil within lunar greenhouses, allowing inhabitants of such bases some degree of [independence] and access (9) _____ fresh food." The researchers planted tea in a special soil they made that is close to the type of soil found on the Moon and on Mars. (10) _____ researcher Dr Sara Lopez-Gomollon was happy with her findings. She said: "The results of this project are very (11) _____, as they demonstrate that tea...can be grown in lunar soil." (12) _____, the tea plants did not grow in the Martian soil.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) possibly | (b) possibles | (c) possible | (d) possibility |
| 2. | (a) believe | (b) believing | (c) belief | (d) believes |
| 3. | (a) very | (b) great | (c) just | (d) some |
| 4. | (a) be | (b) do | (c) take | (d) have |
| 5. | (a) growing | (b) grows | (c) growth | (d) grown |
| 6. | (a) event | (b) ever | (c) every | (d) even |
| 7. | (a) whether | (b) whatever | (c) whet | (d) whets |
| 8. | (a) has | (b) is | (c) was | (d) as |
| 9. | (a) to | (b) that | (c) up | (d) down |
| 10. | (a) Fallow | (b) Fellow | (c) Follow | (d) Pillow |
| 11. | (a) encourage | (b) encouraging | (c) encouragement | (d) encouraged |
| 12. | (a) Unfortunately | (b) Lucky | (c) Sad | (d) Happening |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. it might be lpeosbsi to grow tea on the Moon
2. the rl nau soil is good enough for tea plants
3. research into space curiuaergtl
4. we may be able to podeivr access
5. the great British ndritotai of a tea break
6. farmers who elgsrtgu to grow crops

Paragraph 2

7. whheter tea plants could grow
8. tea may be lcaedttivu
9. nhbtaiiatns of such bases
10. some deeeegr of independence
11. very goeucrgnian
12. mdetoranest that tea can be grown

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2509/250925-tea-on-the-moon.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () agriculture." He added: "It is reassuring that we may be able to provide access to the great British tradition of a tea
- () and Martian soil. He said: "Our experiments reveal that...plants such as tea may be
- () break." This is good news for astronauts who visit the Moon in the future. They will be able to have a cup of Moon-
- () cultivated in lunar soil within lunar greenhouses, allowing inhabitants of such bases some degree
- () grown tea. It could also be good news for farmers who struggle to grow crops in poor
- () happy with her findings. She said: "The results of this project are very encouraging, as they demonstrate
- () of [independence] and access to fresh food." The researchers planted tea in a special soil they made that is close
- () Professor Mason and his team investigated whether tea plants could grow in lunar
- () researcher Professor Nigel Mason said: "We are at the very earliest stages of research into space
- (**1**) Scientists have said that it might be possible to grow tea on the Moon. Researchers from the
- () soil. Researchers hope farmers worldwide will be able to farm even in poor soil.
- () that tea...can be grown in lunar soil." Unfortunately, the tea plants did not grow in the Martian soil.
- () to the type of soil found on the Moon and on Mars. Fellow researcher Dr Sara Lopez-Gomollon was
- () University of Kent in the UK believe the lunar soil is good enough for tea plants to grow in. Lead

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. have Scientists that said might it possible be .
2. Lunar is soil enough good tea for plants .
3. earliest The of stages into research agriculture space .
4. The British great of tradition tea a break .
5. struggle Farmers grow to in crops soil poor .
6. His investigated team tea whether could plants grow .
7. such Plants tea as be may cultivated .
8. researchers The tea planted a in soil special .
9. The of type found soil the on Moon .
10. plants Tea not did in grow soil Martian .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2509/250925-tea-on-the-moon.html>

Scientists have said that it might be *possibly* / *possible* to grow tea on the Moon. Researchers from the University of Kent in the UK *belief* / *believe* the lunar soil is *good* / *well* enough for tea plants to *grow* / *growth* in. Lead researcher Professor Nigel Mason said: "We are *to* / *at* the very earliest stages of research into space agriculture." He added: "It is *reassure* / *reassuring* that we may be able to provide access to the great British *tradition* / *traditional* of a tea break." This is good news for astronauts who visit the Moon *on* / *in* the future. They will be able to have a cup of Moon-grown tea. It could also be good news for farmers who *conflict* / *struggle* to grow crops in poor soil. Researchers hope farmers worldwide will be able to farm *ever* / *even* in poor soil.

Professor Mason and *this* / *his* team investigated whether tea plants could grow in lunar and Martian soil. He said: "Our experiments *revealing* / *reveal* that...plants such as tea may be cultivated in lunar soil within lunar *greenhouses* / *powerhouses*, allowing inhabitants of such *basis* / *bases* some degree of [independence] and access to *fresh* / *freshly* food." The researchers planted tea in a special soil they made that is close to the *typing* / *type* of soil found on the Moon and on Mars. *Fellow* / *Fallow* researcher Dr Sara Lopez-Gomollon was happy *to* / *with* her findings. She said: "The results of this project are very *encouraging* / *encourage*, as they demonstrate that tea...can be grown in lunar soil." Unfortunately, the tea plants did *not* / *never* grow in the Martian soil.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Sc__nt__sts h_v_ s__d th_t _t m_gh_t b_ p_ss_bl_ t_ gr_w t__ _n th_ M__n. R_s__rch_rs fr_m th_ _n_v_rs_ty _f K_nt _n th_ _K b_l__v_ th_ l_n_r s__l _s g__d _n__gh f_r t__ pl_n_ts t_ gr_w _n. L__d r_s__rch_r Pr_f_ss_r N_g_l M_s_n s__d: "W_ _r_ _t th_ v_ry __rl__st st_g_s _f r_s__rch _nt_ sp_c_ _gr_c_lt_r_." H_ _dd_d: "_t _s r__ss_r_ng th_t w_ m_y b_ _bl_ t_ pr_v_d_ _cc_ss t_ th_ gr__t Br_t_sh tr_d_t__n _f _ t__ br__k." Th_s _s g__d n_ws f_r _str_n__ts wh_ v_s_t th_ M__n _n th_ f_t_r_. Th_y w_ll b_ _bl_ t_ h_v_ _ c_p _f M__n-gr_wn t__. _t c__ld _ls_ b_ g__d n_ws f_r f_r_m_rs wh_ str_ggl_ t_ gr_w cr_ps _n p__r s__l. R_s__rch_rs h_p_ f_r_m_rs w_rldw_d_ w_ll b_ _bl_ t_ f_r_m _v_n _n p__r s__l.

Pr_f_ss_r M_s_n _nd h_s t__m _nv_st_g_t_d wh_th_r t__ pl_n_ts c__ld gr_w _n l_n_r _nd M_rt__n s__l. H_ s__d: "__r _xp_r_m_n_ts r_v__l th_t...pl_n_ts s_ch _s t__ m_y b_ c_lt_v_t_d _n l_n_r s__l w_th_n l_n_r gr__nh__s_s, _ll_w_ng _nh_b_t_n_ts _f s_ch b_s_s s_m_d_gr__ _f [_nd_p_nd_nc_] _nd _cc_ss t_ fr_sh f__d." Th_ r_s__rch_rs pl_nt_d t__ _n _ sp_c__l s__l th_y m_d_ th_t _s cl_s_ t_ th_ typ_ _f s__l f__nd _n th_ M__n _nd _n M_rs. F_ll_w r_s__rch_r Dr S_r_ L_p_z-G_m_ll_n w_s h_ppy w_th h_r f_nd_ngs. Sh_ s__d: "Th_ r_s_lts _f th_s pr_j_ct _r_ v_ry _nc__r_g_ng, _s th_y d_m_nstr_t_ th_t t__...c_n b_ gr_wn _n l_n_r s__l." _nf_r_t_n_t_ly, th_ t__ pl_n_ts d_d n_t gr_w _n th_ M_rt__n s__l.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2509/250925-tea-on-the-moon.html>

Write about **tea** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

[illegible]

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2509/250925-tea-on-the-moon.html>

Tea is the best drink when you want to relax. Discuss.

[illegible]

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TEA: Make a poster about tea. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. MOON FARMS: Write a magazine article about Moon farms. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on tea. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions about growing tea on the Moon. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. f 3. c 4. a 5. g 6. d 7. e
8. m 9. n 10. k 11. h 12. l 13. j 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 F 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. h	3. b	4. j	5. d
6. i	7. e	8. a	9. g	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- The University of Kent
- Space agriculture
- A tea break
- Astronauts
- Farm in poor soil
- Lunar and Martian soil
- Fresh food
- Happy
- They were encouraging.
- Martian soil

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Scientists have said that it might be possible.
- Lunar soil is good enough for tea plants.
- The earliest stages of research into space agriculture.
- The great British tradition of a tea break.
- Farmers struggle to grow crops in poor soil.
- His team investigated whether tea plants could grow.
- Plants such as tea may be cultivated.
- The researchers planted tea in a special soil.
- The type of soil found on the Moon.
- Tea plants did not grow in Martian soil.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)