

The Dream

I was having a wonderful dream about Hawaii. I was on holiday and I was laying on the beach. The hot sun was shining at me, and people were playing in the sea.

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The sound of the sea was all around me and there was a cool breeze blowing. The leaves of the palm trees nearby gently moved.

I opened my eyes because it was only a dream. Three weeks ago, I had actually been lying on a beach in Hawaii with my feet in the sea.

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I was sitting in my office, in Los Angeles, with my feet on the table, and I had closed my eyes because I was very bored. I could hear all the cars in the road below my window, so I tried to close it, but it wouldn't move. It was stuck.

I had returned from my holiday to find there was no work for me. I went to my office every day, but the telephone didn't ring.

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So, I just sat around in my chair and waited. I looked out of the window, and sometimes closed my eyes, and I was back in Hawaii.

Suddenly I realized this was a different dream. There was a woman standing next to me, waving her arms, and she looked very angry.

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I wasn't enjoying this dream very much, so I opened my eyes to find it wasn't a dream. The woman was still standing there. She was asking me something.

The door of my office was wide open and the woman was complaining about something. I took my feet off the table and sat up to look at her.

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I rubbed my eyes and looked around my office to make sure where I was. The woman stared at me, waiting for an answer. I looked at her and was sure I had seen her somewhere before. Her face looked very familiar, but I didn't know why she was so angry.

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Sentences

- A But, sadly, I wasn't there now.
- B Why was she shouting at me?
- C He had a friendly face.
- D The waves gently splashed my feet.

- **E** This was not a very nice way to wake up.
- **F** He sat down in the chair next to me.
- **G** Nobody needed me to do anything for them.
- **H** They had been waiting for some time.

Tea

Tea is a drink that is popular all over the world, and it is made by soaking the dried leaves or flowers of the plant in hot water. Tea can have other herbs, spices, or fruit flavors in it.

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All teas are made from the same plant, but most tea comes from India, Sri Lanka, or China.

There are two main types of tea, black tea and green tea. To make black tea, workers take the leaves and spread them out on shelves.

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Next, they are rolled and broken into pieces and put into a room where they absorb oxygen. Finally, the leaves are dried with hot air until they turn brown or black.

Green tea is made in a different way. Although it grows on the same plant, the freshly picked leaves are put into a steamer, and these are then allowed to soften for a while.

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Then they are crushed and dried in ovens very quickly to keep their color and taste. The tea made from these leaves is a light green in color.

The tea plant doesn't grow just anywhere and needs a special kind of climate. It grows best on the sides of hills, and traditionally the main places where tea is grown are China and India. In fact, Tea was originally grown only in China, but the British took it to India to see if it would grow there.

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So, India became an important place to grow tea.

The drinking of tea has been a popular activity for thousands of years. The Chinese emperors used to drink tea, and the Japanese have a famous tea drinking ceremony which started a long time ago. The Chinese used to sell their tea to the Japanese, until the Japanese learned how to grow it in Japan.

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Nothing is added to the tea when it is prepared and the taste is much lighter.

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Sentences

- **A** Sometimes it means something else.

- **B** They are the most important producers.
- **C** Some people like to use lemon with it.
- **D** The experiment was very successful there.
- **E** This keeps them a nice bright green color.
- **F** There they make it in a different way.
- **G** These are then left there for some time to let them dry.
- **H** It doesn't always taste the same.

Coffee

A lot of people around the world cannot start their day until they have had their first cup of coffee. The drink has an important effect on how we behave, but the word coffee has two meanings. Coffee is actually a plant.

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So, the word coffee means different things to different people.

The coffee plants are bushes or trees, which originally grew in Africa, but now they also grow in south America, central America and southeast Asia. If left to grow naturally, they can grow up to ten meters high.

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That makes it easier for people to pick the fruit, which are the coffee beans.

The drink is made from the seeds of the coffee beans, and they represent an important part of the economies of many countries. That is because coffee is big business all over the world, especially in the rich countries of Europe and the US.

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Large companies exist only to get the coffee to these customers as efficiently as possible, and they connect the coffee growers with the coffee drinkers.

There is an art to making a good cup of coffee from coffee beans, which must first be specially prepared.

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This can be done a short time after they are picked, which preserves them and makes them ready to be packed and sent on their way to be made into a hot tasty drink.

For that, they must first be carefully roasted at a specific temperature, which is controlled by experts, and then broken into tiny pieces.

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The mix of the boiling water and the coffee powder is dark brown in color and full of flavor, but the flavor is very strong and quite bitter. A lot of people add milk and sugar to make it a softer taste, and it then has a light brown color. In some countries, it is also drunk cold, with ice.

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Sentences

- A In reality they are cut much shorter.
- B This is done by drying them slowly and then roasting them.
- C It used to be called brewing.
- D He is actually not very tall.
- E It is also the drink which comes from it.
- F They buy most of what is grown.
- G These are then put into very hot water.
- H It must be made in many ways.