

INTRODUCTION: THE WORLD IN A TEACUP

- 1 Tea is tasty and good for you. It is also one of the most popular **drinks** around the world. But what is tea? And why is it so popular?
- 2 All tea comes from tea leaves, but tea is not always the **same**. There are many kinds of tea. You can drink black tea, green tea, white tea or fruit tea. Each **type** of tea has a **different** taste and a different colour.
- 3 The history of tea begins in Asia. In China, Korea and Japan, tea is still very important today. In Japan, it can take many hours to **prepare** and drink tea with your guests. In Malaysia, a popular drink at breakfast is *teh tarik* ('pulled tea'). Malaysians say it is good for you and tastes good with *roti canai* – a kind of **bread**.

- 4 Tourists in Kuala Lumpur like watching the tea sellers make 'pulled tea'. The tea sellers pour hot water on black tea. After five minutes, they add sugar and milk. Then they 'pull' the tea – they pour the tea from one cup to another many times.
- 5 In many countries you must have a special kettle¹ to make tea. People in different countries also like to add different things to their tea. For example, people in Türkiye use a *çaydanlık* to make black tea. A *çaydanlık* has two kettles: one for water and one for the tea. Many Turkish people drink tea in a glass with some sugar.

- 6 *Karak* is a tea that is popular in Arab countries. It is made with cardamon, ginger, milk and sugar. In the United Kingdom, people usually add some milk and sugar. They eat biscuits with their tea. In the United States, tea is popular with honey.
- 7 In Japan, there is a special **ceremony**³ for drinking tea. Japanese people have a tea ceremony when people come to visit. They use green tea and they like drinking the tea in a special room. The room is often near a garden. There is usually some sweet food to eat. The ceremony takes more than an hour.



- 4 Read the text again. Write *T* (true) or *F* (false) next to the statements. Correct the false statements.

- _____ 1 Different kinds of tea have different colours.

- _____ 2 Tea is popular in China and Japan, but not in Korea and Malaysia.

- _____ 3 Pulled tea has sugar and milk.

- _____ 4 In Türkiye, people drink tea from a *çaydanlık*.

- _____ 5 In the United Kingdom, people like biscuits with their tea.
