



BEFORE READING

1. Look at the texts and the photographs of the reading. Choose the correct options.

1. The three texts are from *the same book* / *different books*.
2. The photographs are of the *same* / *different* countries.
3. The texts come from an *international* / *Asian* history of tea.

2. Write the words from the box in the gaps.

leaves prepare guests tastes pull pour kettle

1. Chocolate _____ very good.
2. In London, the _____ fall from the trees in autumn.
3. Can I _____ some orange juice?
4. Many Japanese chefs can _____ sushi.
5. You have to _____ the door to open it, not push!
6. I make hot water in an electric _____.
7. There are five _____ for my birthday dinner this evening.



READING

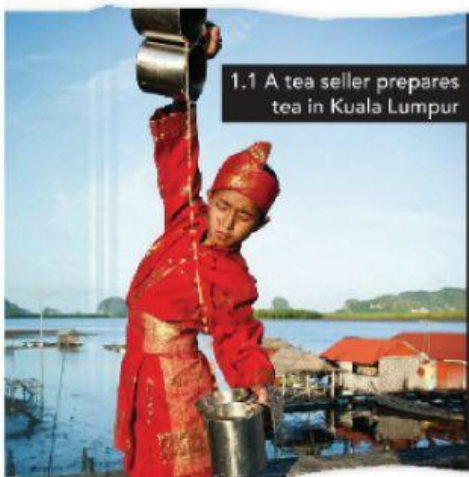
Tea: A World History

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INTRODUCTION: THE WORLD IN A TEACUP

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?

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.



1.1 A tea seller prepares tea in Kuala Lumpur

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 *canai* bread.

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.

In many countries, you must have a special kettle to make tea. People in different countries also like to add different things to their tea. For example, Russians use a special kettle called a *samovar*. They like drinking tea with lemon. Sometimes, they also drink tea with some sugar or jam.



1.5 A Turkish Çaydanlık set

In Turkey, tea comes in a *Çaydanlık*. A *Çaydanlık* has two kettles: one for the water and one for the tea. Drink Turkish tea with some sugar.

Arab tea, called *karak*, has cardamon, ginger, milk and sugar. In the United Kingdom, they add some milk and sugar.

The British usually eat biscuits with their tea. In Japan, they like...



1.4 A Russian samovar



3. Read the blue words in the texts. Write True (T) or False (F) next to the statements below.

1. The texts compare tea and coffee. _____
2. Tea is popular in many countries. _____
3. There is one kind of tea. _____
4. Every country prepares and drinks tea in a different way. _____

4. Scan the text. Write the names of the correct countries from the texts in the gaps.

1. People in _____ drink *teh tarik*.
2. In _____, people prepare tea in a *samovar*.
3. People prepare tea for many hours in _____.
4. Some people in _____ drink tea with sugar or jam.
5. People prepare tea with two kettles in _____.
6. Tourists like watching tea sellers prepare tea in _____.