

Why are Brits so obsessed with tea?

DISCUSSION

1. Discuss these questions:

- Have you ever been to the UK?
What did you see?
- What landmarks, objects and people connected with the UK can you see in the picture?
- What else would you add as a symbol of the UK?
- What are the symbols of your country?



VIDEO & DISCUSSION

2. Watch the video and write down what these figures and phrases refer to.

- 165 million –
- fake teas –
- low tea –
- tea rooms –
- 96% –
- the 1950s –

3. Choose the correct word to complete the sentences below. Then, watch again and check your answers.

- a) We're rather fond *of/for/in* a proper brew which is what we call a nice cup of tea.
- b) Invite them *up/to/over* for a cup of tea.
- c) It's how we stay *in/on/to* such great shape.
- d) Whilst our surrounding countries remained too hooked *for/in/on* coffee, England became a tea drinking nation.
- e) Americans were naturally enthusiastic *for/about/with* these new, super convenient tea bags.

IDIOMS & COMMON PHRASES

4. Match halves to make popular English idioms and common phrases.

not one's cup

feel under

as drunk as

cheap

a queen

the jewel in

worth

it never rains

a lord

but it pours

of tea

as chips

bee

every penny

someone's crown

the weather

5. Match idioms from ex. 4 with their meanings.

- a) the most valuable or successful part of something
- b) not what one likes or is interested in
- c) to not feel very well
- d) a woman who thinks she is the most important person in a group
- e) very inexpensive
- f) used for saying that problems often seem to happen all at the same time
- g) worth all the money
- h) extremely drunk

6. Talk about the last time you:

- felt under the weather
- found/bought something worth every penny
- took up some new hobby/sport, but it wasn't your cup of tea
- had to speak with a queen bee at work/school
- had a situation when you said 'it never rains but it pours'
- visited a city in your country that you consider the jewel in the crown
- bought something which used to be expensive and now is cheap as chips