

## Tea Traditions Trivia: Questions, Answers, and Facts Printable Trivia Pack

Tea Traditions trivia opens a window onto one of the world's oldest and most widespread beverages, tracing customs that developed across China, Japan, Britain, India, Morocco, and beyond. It highlights the history, symbolism, and surprising quirks of tea culture, giving readers a lively way to test what they know about a drink woven into daily life for centuries.

### HARD TEA TRADITIONS TRIVIA

1. Which Japanese scholar authored *The Book of Tea*, published in 1906?

Answer: Okakura Kakuzō

2. In Japanese tea vocabulary, what term names the season's first flush of sencha?

Answer: Shincha

3. Which Japanese tea is deliberately shaded before harvest specifically to boost sweetness and umami?

Answer: Gyokuro

4. If a tea is shaded before harvest, but for less time than gyokuro, which Japanese tea is it most likely to be?

Answer: Kabusecha

5. Which Japanese tea gets its brown color and toasty aroma from being roasted over high heat?

Answer: Hojicha

6. Which Japanese tea is generally produced from later-season leaves rather than the earliest spring pickings?

Answer: Bancha

7. What is the common Japanese name for the tea ceremony?

Answer: Chanoyu

8. During a tea ceremony, what utensil is used to scoop matcha powder?

Answer: Chashaku

9. What is the Japanese term for the bowls used in tea ceremony for matcha?

Answer: Chawan

10. In Chinese tea evaluation, which term describes a returning sweetness that appears after swallowing?

Answer: Huigan

11. Dancong oolong is especially linked to which mountain area of Guangdong?

Answer: The Phoenix Mountains

12. Qimen black tea is more commonly known in English by what name?

Answer: Keemun

13. Which style of pu'er was developed in the 20th century to speed fermentation-like aging?

Answer: Shou pu'er

14. Which pu'er style is the raw version that can age naturally over many years?

Answer: Sheng pu'er

#### FUNNY TEA TRADITIONS TRIVIA

1. If someone says a hobby is 'not my cup of tea,' what are they actually saying?

Answer: They mean it is something they do not like.

2. When a friend says 'spill the tea,' what are they asking for besides a napkin?

Answer: They are asking someone to share gossip.

3. What is the formal name for reading tea leaves, for people who like their fortune with sediment?

Answer: Tasseography.

4. Which famously eccentric host presides over the tea party in Lewis Carroll's 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'?

Answer: The Mad Hatter.

5. True or false: 'No wire hangers ever' is a famous line from a tea ceremony manual.?

Answer: False

6. Which British character often has marmalade on the table at tea time, proving toast can be a co-star?

Answer: Paddington.

7. In British wording, what phrase means the same thing as 'tempest in a teapot'?

Answer: Storm in a teacup.

8. In the board game Cluedo, which name sounds like a tea blend but is actually one of the suspects?

Answer: Mrs. White.

9. What is the real contest called where players dunk biscuits into hot tea and then eat them whole after a signal?

Answer: Tea dueling.

10. At the Wonderland tea party, which sleepy little guest is not there to improve the conversation pace?

Answer: The Dormouse.

11. What is the title of the 1924 song by Vincent Youmans and Irving Caesar that sounds like a very organized beverage appointment?

Answer: Tea for Two.

12. At Disney's theme parks, what giant spinning ride carries the tea party idea to dizzy conclusions?

Answer: Teacups.

13. What does 'builder's tea' usually mean: a delicate herbal infusion or a strong cup of tea with milk?

Answer: A strong cup of tea with milk.

#### FUN TEA TRADITIONS TRIVIA

1. If someone invites you to watch a skillful gongfu tea session, which two Chinese provinces is that style especially associated with?

Answer: Fujian and Guangdong.

2. A traditional Yixing teapot is usually made from what kind of material?

Answer: Unglazed clay from Yixing, China.

3. What is the name of the tiny clay figure that often hangs out on Chinese tea trays like a silent guest?

Answer: A tea pet.

4. Bubble tea first took shape in which place in the late 20th century?

Answer: Taiwan.

5. Those chewy boba pearls bobbing in bubble tea are usually made from what?

Answer: Tapioca.

6. The Tea Horse Road linked tea-producing parts of China with which region?

Answer: Tibet.

7. Before wallets got crowded with cards, what tea item was once used as a form of currency in parts of Asia?

Answer: Compressed tea bricks.

8. Russian Caravan tea got its evocative name from what kind of travelers?

Answer: Overland camel caravans.

9. Which southern Indian region is especially well known for tea growing?

Answer: Nilgiri.

10. Which country is one of the world's largest producers of black tea?

Answer: Kenya.

11. In the early 20th century, what tea-themed social event became popular in Britain and America?

Answer: The tea dance.

12. Why did many Victorian tea caddies come with locks?

Answer: They were used to store valuable tea leaves.

13. The Chinese term that helped give rise to words like 'chai' in several languages is what?

Answer: Cha.

#### TEA TRADITIONS FAMILY TRIVIA

1. Who is strongly associated with the tradition of afternoon tea?

Answer: Anna Maria Russell, Duchess of Bedford

2. In what year did the Boston Tea Party take place?

Answer: 1773

3. At the St. Louis World's Fair, iced tea became especially popular in which year?

Answer: 1904

4. Which New York merchant is commonly linked to the invention of tea bags?

Answer: Thomas Sullivan

5. Which drink comes from South Africa and is not made from the tea plant *Camellia sinensis*?

Answer: Rooibos

6. What tea is traditionally scented with jasmine flowers?

Answer: Jasmine tea

7. Which black tea blend is commonly served with milk?

Answer: English Breakfast

8. Earl Grey tea gets its name from which person?

Answer: Charles Grey, the 2nd Earl Grey

9. Hong Kong-style milk tea is typically made with black tea and what kind of milk?

Answer: Evaporated or condensed milk

10. What is lahpet made from?

Answer: Fermented tea leaves

11. If someone dramatically pours tea from a height, which tea tradition are they most likely showing?

Answer: Moroccan mint tea

12. Which traditional tea includes yak butter and salt?

Answer: Tibetan butter tea

#### EASY TEA TRADITIONS TRIVIA

1. What plant species do most true teas come from?

Answer: *Camellia sinensis*

2. Tea was already being consumed in China by which dynasty?

Answer: The Han dynasty

3. During which Chinese dynasty did tea culture flourish?

Answer: The Tang dynasty

4. Who wrote the classic tea text Cha Jing?

Answer: Lu Yu

5. Longjing tea is widely known in English by what name?

Answer: Dragon Well tea

6. Which city is most famously linked with Longjing tea?

Answer: Hangzhou

7. Earl Grey tea is commonly flavored with the oil of what citrus fruit?

Answer: Bergamot

8. Matcha is made from finely ground leaves of what kind of tea?

Answer: Green tea

9. Which Japanese tea is blended with roasted rice?

Answer: Genmaicha

10. Ceylon tea refers to tea produced in which country?

Answer: Sri Lanka

11. Assam is a major tea-growing region in which country?

Answer: India

12. What is the name of the spiced tea drink associated with India?

Answer: Masala chai

13. Which famous Chinese tea is an oolong?

Answer: Tieguanyin

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