

## 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 prepositions in these sentences. 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.

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### 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.

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