

Bubble Tea - The Drink That Took Over the World

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Bubble tea is a **delicious** drink from Taiwan. It was invented in the 1980s. The drink has tea, milk, and chewy balls called **tapioca** pearls. These balls are also called "boba." That is why some people call it boba tea.

The tapioca pearls are made from a plant called cassava. They are **chewy** and a little sweet. You drink bubble tea with a big **straw** so the pearls can go through. It is fun to chew on the pearls!

There are many **flavors** of bubble tea. You can get taro, mango, strawberry, or classic milk tea. Some shops let you choose how much **sugar** you want. You can also pick the ice level.

Bubble tea became **popular** all over the world. You can find bubble tea shops in America, Europe, and Asia. Young people really love this drink. Some people drink it every day!

Making bubble tea is an art. The pearls must be **cooked** perfectly. The tea must taste just right. Today, bubble tea is a billion-dollar **industry**. What started in Taiwan is now enjoyed everywhere!



A. Vocabulary

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| 1. delicious _____ | a. very tasty and good to eat or drink |
| 2. tapioca _____ | b. small chewy balls from a plant |
| 3. chewy _____ | c. made for the first time |
| 4. straw _____ | d. a tube for drinking |
| 5. flavors _____ | e. a type of business |
| 6. sugar _____ | f. prepared by heating |
| 7. popular _____ | g. different tastes |
| 8. cooked _____ | h. something sweet added to food |
| 9. industry _____ | i. needs to be chewed a lot |
| 10. invented _____ | j. liked by many people |

B. True or False

1. Bubble tea comes from Japan. _____
2. Tapioca pearls are chewy. _____
3. You drink bubble tea with a small straw. _____
4. Bubble tea was invented in the 1980s. _____
5. There is only one flavor of bubble tea. _____
6. Young people love bubble tea. _____
7. Tapioca comes from a plant called cassava. _____
8. Bubble tea is only popular in Asia. _____
9. You can choose how much sugar you want. _____

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: delicious, tapioca, chewy, flavors, sugar, popular, industry

1. Bubble tea is a _____ drink from Taiwan.
2. The balls in bubble tea are called _____ pearls.
3. The pearls are _____ and a little sweet.
4. There are many _____ of bubble tea to try.
5. Bubble tea became _____ all over the world.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. Where was bubble tea invented?
2. What are tapioca pearls made from?
3. Why do you need a big straw for bubble tea?
4. Name three flavors of bubble tea.
5. When was bubble tea invented?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you tried bubble tea? What flavor did you get?
2. What is your favorite drink?
3. Would you like to work in a bubble tea shop?

Answer Key

A. Vocabulary: 1-a, 2-b, 3-i, 4-d, 5-g, 6-h, 7-j, 8-f, 9-e, 10-c

B. True/False: 1-F, 2-T, 3-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-delicious, 2-tapioca, 3-chewy, 4-flavors, 5-popular

D. Comprehension: 1. Taiwan; 2. A plant called cassava; 3. So the pearls can go through; 4. Taro, mango, strawberry, classic milk tea (any three); 5. In the 1980s