



Tea Culture in Taiwan

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Taiwan is famous for its tea. Tea is a very important part of life in Taiwan. You can find tea shops and **teahouses** everywhere — in cities, small towns, and near the mountains. Many people drink tea every day with family, friends, or alone.

Taiwan grows some of the best tea in the world. The mountain areas are perfect for growing tea plants. The cool air and clean water help the plants stay healthy and strong. One well-known type is oolong tea. It has a light and smooth **flavor** that many people love.

Picking tea leaves is part of an old **tradition** in Taiwan. Every spring and winter, farmers go to the hills to **harvest** the leaves by hand. They choose only the best, freshest leaves. After picking, the leaves are dried carefully and made ready for drinking.

Tea ceremonies are also very important in Taiwan. During a tea ceremony, people prepare and serve tea in a careful and special way. The host pours hot tea slowly into small cups. Guests sit quietly, relax, and enjoy the tea together. It is a calm and peaceful time.

Taiwan is also the home of **bubble tea**. This cold, sweet drink has tea, milk, and soft tapioca balls at the bottom. You drink it with a big, wide straw. Bubble tea is now popular all over the world, but it was first made in Taiwan!

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. tea ____ | a. pick or collect crops when they are ready |
| 2. culture ____ | b. liked or enjoyed by many people |
| 3. ceremony ____ | c. taste of a food or drink |
| 4. bubble tea ____ | d. place where people go to drink tea and relax |
| 5. harvest ____ | e. hot drink made from dried plant leaves |
| 6. mountain ____ | f. customs and traditions of a group of people |
| 7. flavor ____ | g. formal event with special actions and steps |
| 8. tradition ____ | h. cold sweet drink with tea, milk, and soft tapioca balls, drunk through a wide st |
| 9. popular ____ | i. very tall area of land, higher than a hill |
| 10. teahouse ____ | j. custom passed down through many years |

B. True or False

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| ____ 1. Taiwan is famous for its tea. | ____ 2. You can only find tea shops in big cities in Taiwan. |
| ____ 3. The mountain areas in Taiwan are good for growing tea. | ____ 4. Oolong tea has a strong and spicy flavor. |
| ____ 5. Farmers pick tea leaves by hand. | ____ 6. Tea leaves are only picked in summer. |
| ____ 7. During a tea ceremony, guests drink tea quickly. | ____ 8. A tea ceremony is a calm and peaceful time. |
| ____ 9. Bubble tea is a cold drink with tapioca balls. | ____ 10. Bubble tea was first made in Japan. |

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: ceremony, harvest, teahouse, flavor, tradition, popular, mountain, culture

1. People go to a _____ to sit down, relax, and drink tea.
2. Farmers _____ the tea leaves every spring and winter.
3. Oolong tea has a light and smooth _____.
4. During a tea _____, the host pours tea slowly into small cups.
5. Drinking tea with family is an old _____ in Taiwan.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. What type of tea is oolong, and what does it taste like?
2. How do farmers pick tea leaves in Taiwan?
3. What is bubble tea and where was it first made?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Do you like tea or bubble tea? Why or why not?
2. Are there any special drinks in your country or culture? What are they, and when do people drink them?



Answer Key

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

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-F, 7-F, 8-T, 9-T, 10-F

C. Fill Blanks: 1-teahouse, 2-harvest, 3-flavor, 4-ceremony, 5-tradition

D. Comprehension:

1. Oolong tea is a well-known type of tea grown in Taiwan's mountains, and it has a light and smooth flavor.
2. Farmers pick tea leaves by hand every spring and winter, choosing only the best and freshest leaves.
3. Bubble tea is a cold, sweet drink with tea, milk, and soft tapioca balls, and it was first made in Taiwan.

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