

Tea Culture in Taiwan

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Taiwan is a small island, but it has a big tea **culture**. People in Taiwan have been drinking tea for hundreds of years. Many farmers grow tea on green hills in places like Alishan and Nantou. The weather and soil in these mountains are very good for tea plants.

There are many kinds of tea in Taiwan. Oolong tea is the most famous **traditional** drink. Green tea and black tea are also popular. Each kind of tea has a different color, smell, and taste. People say that good tea makes you feel calm and happy.

Making tea is a special art. First, farmers **harvest** the tea leaves by hand. Then, workers dry the leaves in the sun. After that, they roast the leaves until the smell is sweet. This careful work takes many hours.

In Taiwan, drinking tea is more than just a drink. It is a way to meet friends and family. People sit around a small table and share tea from tiny cups. This is called a tea **ceremony**. It is quiet, polite, and very relaxing.

Today, you can find tea shops on almost every street. Bubble tea, a sweet **modern** drink with chewy balls, was invented in Taiwan in the 1980s. Now people all over the world enjoy it. Old or new, tea is an important part of life in Taiwan.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. culture ____ | a. from the present time; new |
| 2. traditional ____ | b. make something new for the first time |
| 3. harvest ____ | c. cook something with dry heat |
| 4. ceremony ____ | d. showing good manners and respect |
| 5. modern ____ | e. ideas, customs, and ways of life of a group of people |
| 6. famous ____ | f. done in the same way for a long time |
| 7. roast ____ | g. pick or collect plants when they are ready |
| 8. calm ____ | h. special event with set actions, often serious or polite |
| 9. invent ____ | i. known by many people |
| 10. polite ____ | j. quiet and relaxed; not excited |

B. True or False

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| ___ 1. People in Taiwan have been drinking tea for hundreds of years. | ___ 2. Tea farms in Taiwan are found mostly on flat beaches. |
| ___ 3. Oolong tea is the most famous traditional drink in Taiwan. | ___ 4. Taiwan only grows one kind of tea. |
| ___ 5. Tea leaves in Taiwan are picked by hand. | ___ 6. Making tea is quick and easy work. |
| ___ 7. A tea ceremony in Taiwan is loud and noisy. | ___ 8. People in Taiwan often share tea from tiny cups. |

___ 9. Bubble tea was invented in Japan in the 1980s.

___ 10. Bubble tea is enjoyed by people in many countries today.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: culture, traditional, harvest, ceremony, modern, famous, calm, polite

1. Tea is an important part of Taiwanese _____.
2. Oolong is a _____ tea that people have made for a long time.
3. Farmers _____ the tea leaves by hand from the plants.
4. A tea _____ is a quiet and special way to drink tea with friends.
5. Bubble tea is a _____ drink that was invented in the 1980s.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. Where in Taiwan do farmers grow tea, and why is it a good place?
2. What are the main steps for making tea in Taiwan?
3. Why is drinking tea more than just a drink in Taiwan?

E. Discussion Questions

1. What is a popular drink in your country, and when do people drink it?
2. Do you prefer traditional drinks like hot tea or modern drinks like bubble tea? Why?

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-F, 10-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-culture, 2-traditional, 3-harvest, 4-ceremony, 5-modern

D. Comprehension:

1. Farmers grow tea on green hills in places like Alishan and Nantou because the weather and soil in the mountains are good for tea plants.
2. Farmers harvest the leaves by hand, dry them in the sun, and then roast them until they smell sweet.
3. It is a way for people to meet friends and family and share quiet, polite time together in a tea ceremony.