

ACTIVITY 1

Practise and consolidate your learning about articles by choosing the correct article to complete the following sentences. The sentences can be combined to form a paragraph about tea, and therefore relate to each other.

Hint: Look at the previous sentence to help you determine the correct article and be aware that sometimes an article won't be required.

Question 1: Tea is _____ popular and refreshing beverage.

Answer:
a. a
b. an
c. the

Question 2: It is consumed in almost every country in _____ world.

Answer:
a. a
b. no article required
c. the

Question 3: The United Kingdom is possibly _____ largest consumer of tea.

Answer:
a. a
b. an
c. the

Question 4: Its pleasant flavour adds to _____ satisfaction of drinking it.

Answer:
a. a
b. an
c. the

Question 5: Consequently, having a cup of tea for morning and afternoon tea has become _____ integral part of life.

Answer:
a. no article required
b. an
c. the

Question 6: Millions of employees relax over _____ cup of tea everyday.

Answer:
a. a
b. an
c. the



Question 7: Three main types of tea can be identified: green, black and oolong. Black tea is _____ most common, being manufactured in such tea-producing countries as Indonesia, Argentina, Turkey and Kenya.

Answer:
a. a
b. an
c. the

Question 8: _____ other two types, oolong and green, come from Japan and China.

Answer:
a. a
b. an
c. the

Question 9: _____ Tea plants are grown on tea estates or in tea gardens.

Answer:
a. no article required
b. an
c. the

Question 10: It takes three to five years for _____ plant to mature.

Answer:
a. a
b. an
c. the

ACTIVITY 2

Now practise the pronunciation of articles in the following phrases. Remember to link the sound preceding and following the article.

1. tea is a popular beverage
2. in the world
3. the United Kingdom
4. the largest consumer of tea
5. a cup of tea
6. an integral part of life
7. the most common
8. the tea plants
9. on a tea estate
10. in a tea garden



ANSWERS ACTIVITY 1

1. Tea is **a** popular and refreshing beverage.
2. It is consumed in almost every country in **the** world.
3. The United Kingdom is possibly **the** largest consumer of tea.
4. Its pleasant flavour adds to **the** satisfaction of drinking it.
5. Consequently, having a cup of tea for morning and afternoon tea has become **an** integral part of life.
6. Millions of employees relax over **a** cup of tea everyday.
7. Three main types of tea can be identified: green, black and oolong. Black tea is **the** most common, being manufactured in such tea-producing countries as Indonesia, Argentina, Turkey and Kenya.
8. **The** other two types, oolong and green, come from Japan and China.
9. Tea plants are grown on tea estates or in tea gardens.
10. It takes three to five years for **a** plant to mature.

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2

1. tea is a popular beverage
/ti j ɪz ə 'pɒpjələ 'beɪvrɪdʒ/
 ⌣ ⌣
2. in the world
/ɪn ðə 'wɜːld/
 ⌣
3. the United Kingdom
/ði junaɪtəd 'kɪŋdəm/
 ⌣
4. the largest consumer of tea
/ðə 'lɑːdʒəst kən'sjʊmə rəv ti/
 ⌣
5. a cup of tea
/ə kʌ pəv ti/
 ⌣ ⌣
6. an integral part of life
/ən 'ɪntəgrəl pɑ təv laɪf/
 ⌣ ⌣
7. the most common
/ðə maʊst 'kɒmən/
 ⌣ ⌣
8. tea plants
/ ði ti plænts/, / ði ti plants/
9. on a tea estate
/ɒn ə ti j ɛ'steɪt/
 ⌣ ⌣
10. in a tea garden
/ɪn ə'ti' gɑːdn/
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