

## Step 2 : A mad-tea party - the importance of tea in British culture

**Objectives :** Understanding the reasons why tea is so important in British culture.  
Understanding an authentic literacy excerpt (Chapter 7 of *Alice in Wonderland : a mad tea party*).



### Activity on the authentic text : Chapter 7 – a mad tea party

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the website 'Alice-in-wonderland.net'. The page is titled 'Chapter VII: A Mad Tea-Party'. On the left, there is a 'RESOURCES' section with a list of links. The main content area contains the text of the chapter, starting with 'There was a table set out under a tree in front of the house, and the March Hare and the Hatter were having tea at it: a Dormouse was sitting between them, fast asleep, and the other two were using it as a cushion, resting their elbows on it, and talking over its head.' The text continues with dialogue between Alice, the March Hare, and the Hatter. At the bottom of the page, there is a cookie consent banner.

**Cet extrait va vous servir de modèle pour ré-écrire votre propre version :**

- **Soyez attentifs à la construction de l'extrait (exposition de la scène avec des phrases descriptives et inclusion de dialogues des personnages).**
- **Soyez attentifs aux normes d'écriture du dialogue (ponctuation, place des verbes de parole).**

**=> Une vidéo pour vous aider lors de votre rédaction est disponible sur le genially de la séquence.**

**Go on the page - read from the beginning of the chapter to ' I sleep when I breathe »! and answer the questions.**

1) What is the Dormouse doing at the beginning ?

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2) What does the Hare propose to Alice ?

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3) Why is it a nonsense ?

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4) What does the Hare reproach Alice about ?

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5) What is the riddle made by the Hatter ? Does Alice find the answer to it ?

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6) How do you understand these lines ? Say it with your words in French.

« I do,” Alice hastily replied; “at least—at least I mean what I say—that’s the same thing, you know.”

“Not the same thing a bit!” said the Hatter. “You might just as well say that ‘I see what I eat’ is the same thing as ‘I eat what I see’!”

“You might just as well say,” added the March Hare, “that ‘I like what I get’ is the same thing as ‘I get what I like’!”

“You might just as well say,” added the Dormouse, who seemed to be talking in his sleep, “that ‘I breathe when I sleep’ is the same thing as ‘I sleep when I breathe »!

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Activity on the text : Why is tea so important in the British culture ?

Read the text and answer the following questions.

1) How many tea kilograms can English people consume a year ?

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2) British are tea drinkers : is it a positive stereotype or a negative one ?

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3) Where did tea come from ? Who were the first people to bring back tea to Europe ? When ?

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4) Tea was very expensive. Use the sentences of the text to justify.

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5) What was the name of the Queen who made tea as a real fashionable product ?  
When ?

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6) What does the word « tea » also mean in British culture ?

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7) What is the most common type of tea drunk in Great Britain ?

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8) What is the difference between black and green tea ?

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9) Is tea still fashionable nowadays ? Right or wrong ? Justify with the text.

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Activity on EdPuzzle video : how to make a proper coppa ?

- 1) Answer the questions about the video on Edpuzzle website.
- 2) What do you remember about this video ?



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Webquest on AllRecipes.com



Write **8 dishes** that could be served with tea. (Don't forget the ingredients !)

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