

Read the text about tea, one of the world's favourite beverages. Think of ONE word that fits into each blank.



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There are many ways to drink tea. **(6)** _____ most people just drink their tea pure, others add milk or a lemon. The most common forms are black and green tea. Vanilla or fruit flavouring **(7)** _____ often added to tea to give it a special taste. Some people brew their tea in convenient tea bags, others pour boiling **(8)** _____ over crushed tea leaves.

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