

IELTS WITH MARK TEACHER. TEA & COFFEE. TRANSCRIPT

Are tea and coffee popular in your country?

Definitely. Tea is a cornerstone of the British diet. People drink tea at breakfast, after breakfast, at work, at lunch, in the afternoon, basically all the time or at every opportunity. That said, coffee has also become more and more popular over the years, because it gives people a boost and helps them stay awake on dreary British days.

Do you prefer tea or coffee?

I prefer coffee personally. It has a stronger smell and taste than breakfast tea, plus it helps me wake up and feel fully alert. That said, I do prefer tea when I want to relax and watch TV or read a book because it helps me relax, so it kind of depends on the situation.

Do you usually offer tea or coffee when you have guests?

Sure, but I think it depends on the time of day because obviously coffee has a lot of caffeine, so I wouldn't offer anyone coffee if it was in the evening or at night. I would offer a cup of tea instead. But if it was the morning or afternoon, then I'd probably ask which one my guest would prefer.

VOCABULARY

alert (adjective) - paying full attention to things around you and able to deal with anything that might happen

boost (verb) - to make something increase, or become better or more successful

cornerstone (noun) - the cornerstone of something is the basic part of it on which its existence, success, or truth depends.

dreary (adjective) - something that is dull and depressing