

PREPARE FOR IELTS. TEA & COFFEE. TRANSCRIPT

1. Are tea and coffee popular in your country?

Oh yes, they are hugely popular. I think the majority of people in my country are addicted to caffeine and cannot live without it. Tea and coffee are indispensable.

2. Do people prefer tea or coffee nowadays?

I saw an article about this the other day, and it said that coffee has overtaken tea, and it is now the most popular drink. Up until recently, tea was consumed more than coffee, so I was quite surprised by this news.

3. Do you prefer to drink tea or coffee?

It depends on the time of day. In the morning, I have a cup of tea because I find it more refreshing. Then I switch to coffee and drink that for the rest of the day.

4. Do you often drink tea and coffee?

Do you often drink tea and coffee? Much more than I should, and this is largely because of my heavy workload. I'm up to my eyes in work at the moment so need the caffeine to keep me going

5. Do you often buy tea or coffee in a café or shop?

Yes, I need my caffeine fix, so if I'm out, I have to grab a coffee from a coffee shop. I often get a takeaway because it's cheaper, and I'm usually rushed off my feet, so I don't have time to sit down.

VOCABULARY

caffeine - a chemical, found for example in tea and coffee, that is a stimulant (something that makes people more active)

caffeine fix - fix is an informal word for a dose of drugs so we use this to refer to having coffee because you're addicted to it

hugely popular - very popular

I'm up to my eyes in - I have a lot of work to do

indispensable - necessary

my heavy workload - I have a lot of work to do

refreshing - makes me feel less tired

switch to - to change to

the majority of - most

to be addicted to - to not be able to live/function without something

to be consumed - to be drunk

to be largely because - to be mainly/mostly because

to overtake - to go past something by being a greater amount or degree