

### Text 3

#### TEA-LEAVES

Many years ago (1) \_\_\_\_\_ tea was unknown in (2) \_\_\_\_\_ European countries. Many people didn't even know (3) \_\_\_\_\_ word tea, though drinking (4) \_\_\_\_\_ tea was very popular in (5) \_\_\_\_\_ East.

Once (6) \_\_\_\_\_ young sailor came back from (7) \_\_\_\_\_ India. He was (8) \_\_\_\_\_ only son of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ old woman and every time he returned to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Great Britain from (11) \_\_\_\_\_ far away country he brought his mother (12) \_\_\_\_\_ gift. Of course, he tried to bring her something unusual, that she could show to (13) \_\_\_\_\_ her friends.

This time he brought her (14) \_\_\_\_\_ box of (15) \_\_\_\_\_ tea. (16) \_\_\_\_\_ old woman didn't know anything about (17) \_\_\_\_\_ tea, but she liked (18) \_\_\_\_\_ smell, and invited all (19) \_\_\_\_\_ her friends to come and try it. When (20) \_\_\_\_\_ her guests arrived, she invited them to (21) \_\_\_\_\_ dining table. (22) \_\_\_\_\_ old woman treated them to (23) \_\_\_\_\_ cakes and (24) \_\_\_\_\_ fruit and (25) \_\_\_\_\_ tea-leaves.

When (26) \_\_\_\_\_ sailor entered (27) \_\_\_\_\_ room and saw (28) \_\_\_\_\_ big plate filled with (29) \_\_\_\_\_ tea-leaves. He smiled when he saw (30) \_\_\_\_\_ his mother's friends eating them with (31) \_\_\_\_\_ butter and (32) \_\_\_\_\_ salt. They pretended they liked it, but it was clear they didn't enjoy eating (33) \_\_\_\_\_ leaves.

"Where is (34) \_\_\_\_\_ tea, Mother?" (35) \_\_\_\_\_ sailor asked. (36) \_\_\_\_\_ his mother pointed to (37) \_\_\_\_\_ plate in (38) \_\_\_\_\_ middle of (39) \_\_\_\_\_ table.

"No, this is only (40) \_\_\_\_\_ leaves of (41) \_\_\_\_\_ tea", (42) \_\_\_\_\_ sailor said. "Where is (43) \_\_\_\_\_ water?" "I threw (44) \_\_\_\_\_ water away, of course," (45) \_\_\_\_\_ his mother said.