

**Exercise 1**

**You are going to read an article about the afternoon-tea tradition in England. For questions 1-4, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.**

**The afternoon-tea tradition in England**

**1** Afternoon tea, that most quintessential of English customs is, perhaps surprisingly, a relatively new tradition. While the custom of drinking tea dates back to the third millennium BC in China and was popularized in England during the 1660s by King Charles II and his wife the Portuguese Infanta Catherine de Braganza, it was not until the mid-17th century that the concept of 'afternoon tea' first appeared.

**2** Afternoon tea was introduced in England by Anna, the seventh Duchess of Bedford, in the year 1840. The Duchess would become hungry around four o'clock in the afternoon. The evening meal in her household was served fashionably late at eight o'clock, thus leaving a long period of time between lunch and dinner. The Duchess asked that a tray of tea, bread and butter and cake be brought to her room during the late afternoon. This became a habit of hers and she began inviting friends to join her.

**3** This pause for tea became a fashionable social event. During the 1880's upper-class and society women would change into long gowns, gloves and hats for their afternoon tea which was usually served in the drawing room between four and five o'clock.

**4** Traditional afternoon tea consists of a selection of dainty sandwiches, scones served with clotted cream and preserves. Cakes and pastries are also served. Tea grown in India or Ceylon is poured from silver tea pots into delicate bone china cups. Nowadays however, in the average suburban home, afternoon tea is likely to be just a biscuit or small cake and a mug of tea, usually produced using a teabag.

1. What does the writer say in the first paragraph about the emergence of the afternoon-tea tradition?
  - A. It was invented in China
  - B. It is not as old as people think.
  - C. It was very popular in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.
  - D. It is very relaxing.
  
2. In the second paragraph the writer says that the tradition was introduced because Anna
  - A. liked to spend time with friends
  - B. wanted to be alone in her room
  - C. always needed to eat something in the afternoon
  - D. did not want to have dinner at eight o'clock

3. What does the writer say in paragraph three about afternoon tea as a social event?
- A. It became very popular among poor people.
  - B. It was common to have a cup of tea at home.
  - C. It became a fashion for everyone to follow.
  - D. It was an opportunity for women to dress up.
4. In paragraph four the writer says that the tradition has changed because
- A. it is not as popular as it used to be
  - B. more food is served with the tea
  - C. it is usually faster and easier to prepare
  - D. tea is no longer imported from India

## Exercise 2

For questions 1-14, complete the second sentence using the correct non-gradable adjective from the list below. There are more adjectives than necessary. Example in Question one (1).

Exhausted filthy ancient delicious starving freezing hideous outstanding boiling  
Hilarious gorgeous tiny furious spotless gigantic exorbitant ridiculous dreadful

1. Weren't you tired after working so hard?  
Tired? **I was totally exhausted!**
2. That chocolate dessert was very good, wasn't it?  
Good? \_\_\_\_\_!
3. That building downtown must be very old.  
Old? \_\_\_\_\_!
4. Our hotel room was very dirty.  
Dirty? \_\_\_\_\_!
5. I can't believe how clean her apartment was.  
Clean? \_\_\_\_\_!
6. Maria looks very pretty in her new dress.  
Pretty? \_\_\_\_\_!
7. Did you think that Eddie Murphy movie was funny?  
Funny? \_\_\_\_\_!

8. I think Bob's new dog is really ugly?  
Ugly? \_\_\_\_\_!
9. The feet of that basketball player are big, aren't they?  
Big? \_\_\_\_\_!
10. This slice of pizza is really small, isn't it?  
Small? \_\_\_\_\_!
11. Was your boss angry when you mentioned the problem?  
Angry? \_\_\_\_\_!
12. Aren't you hot in this room?  
Hot? \_\_\_\_\_!
13. Was the weather cold in the mountains?  
Cold? \_\_\_\_\_!
14. You haven't eaten for six hours; you must be very hungry.  
Hungry? \_\_\_\_\_!

### Exercise 3

Select the correct word from the two options given below each sentence.

1. Let's stay in tonight; it's \_\_\_ freezing outside.  
absolutely      very
2. I was \_\_\_\_\_ devastated when I heard the news.  
absolutely      very
3. This work of art is \_\_\_\_\_ unique.  
abit      totally
4. It's \_\_\_\_\_ important to have good friends.  
very      totally
5. Her new dress is \_\_\_\_\_ unusual.  
slightly really
6. Peter is \_\_\_\_\_ angry with Emily today.  
absolutely      extremely
7. These photographs are very \_\_\_\_\_.  
good      excellent

**Exercise 4**

For questions 1-14, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits the gap in the same line.

<b>A History of Scottish Kilts</b>	
<p>Scottish kilts are known as “The National Dress of Scotland” and are a (1)_____ recognized form of dress throughout the world. Kilts have deep cultural and (2)_____ roots in the country of Scotland and are a sacred symbol of (3)_____ and honor for a true Scotsman.</p> <p>Scottish kilts originate back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century, when they were (4)_____ worn as full (5)_____ garments by Gaelic-speaking male Highlanders of northern Scotland. The (6)_____ of Scottish kilts was common during the 1720s, when the British military used them as their formal uniforms. The knee-length kilt, similar to the modern kilt of today, did not develop until the late 17<sup>th</sup> or early 18<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p>The Gordon Highlanders became the first military regiment to begin using the knife pleat (1853), and by the 1900s, it was (7)_____ in civilian kilt designs. As fashions transformed, designs of the tailored kilt (8)_____ to linings, waistbands, buckles and straps. (9)_____, modern-day Scottish kilts have 29 pleats and are made using (10)_____ 8 yards of tartan fabric.</p> <p>During the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Scottish kilts were a form of (11)_____ dress and worn only for special occasions and (12)_____ to formal events, such as weddings, sporting events, Highland games and holiday (13)_____. The Scottish kilt is (14)_____ being recognized as an acceptable form of dress at informal parties, as casual wear or everyday attire and returning to its cultural roots. The Scottish kilt has become a required uniform for Scotland’s Tartan Army soccer team.</p>	<p><b>HIGH</b></p> <p><b>HISTORY</b></p> <p><b>PATRIOT</b></p> <p><b>TRADITION</b></p> <p><b>LONG</b></p> <p><b>WEAR</b></p> <p><b>ACCEPT</b></p> <p><b>PROGRESS</b></p> <p><b>GENERAL</b></p> <p><b>APPROXIMATE</b></p> <p><b>CEREMONY</b></p> <p><b>PRIMARY</b></p> <p><b>CELEBRATE</b></p> <p><b>INCREASE</b></p>