

English tea ceremony

*"There are few hours in life
more agreeable than the hour
dedicated to the ceremony
known as afternoon tea."*

Henry James



- **Relevance of research**: now borders are erased between the countries, people travel. It is very important to know traditions and language of the country which you visit.
- **Purpose**: open features of English culture and its tradition of tea drinking.

Tasks:

- 1) to get acquainted with the history of emergence of tradition of tea drinking and its features existing in Britain;
- 2) to track as traditions of tea drinking are reflected in country language;
- 3) to prove need of studying of national traditions for the best understanding of English;

- **Object of research** : English traditions of tea drinking .
- **Methods**: analysis and synthesis of information and literature, supervision, comparison.



English incorporated words from five hundred various languages.

In Northern China the name of tea came from the word "cha".

In the Southern China – from the word "te"

The different name of tea on different dialects explains both Russian "чай", and English "tea".

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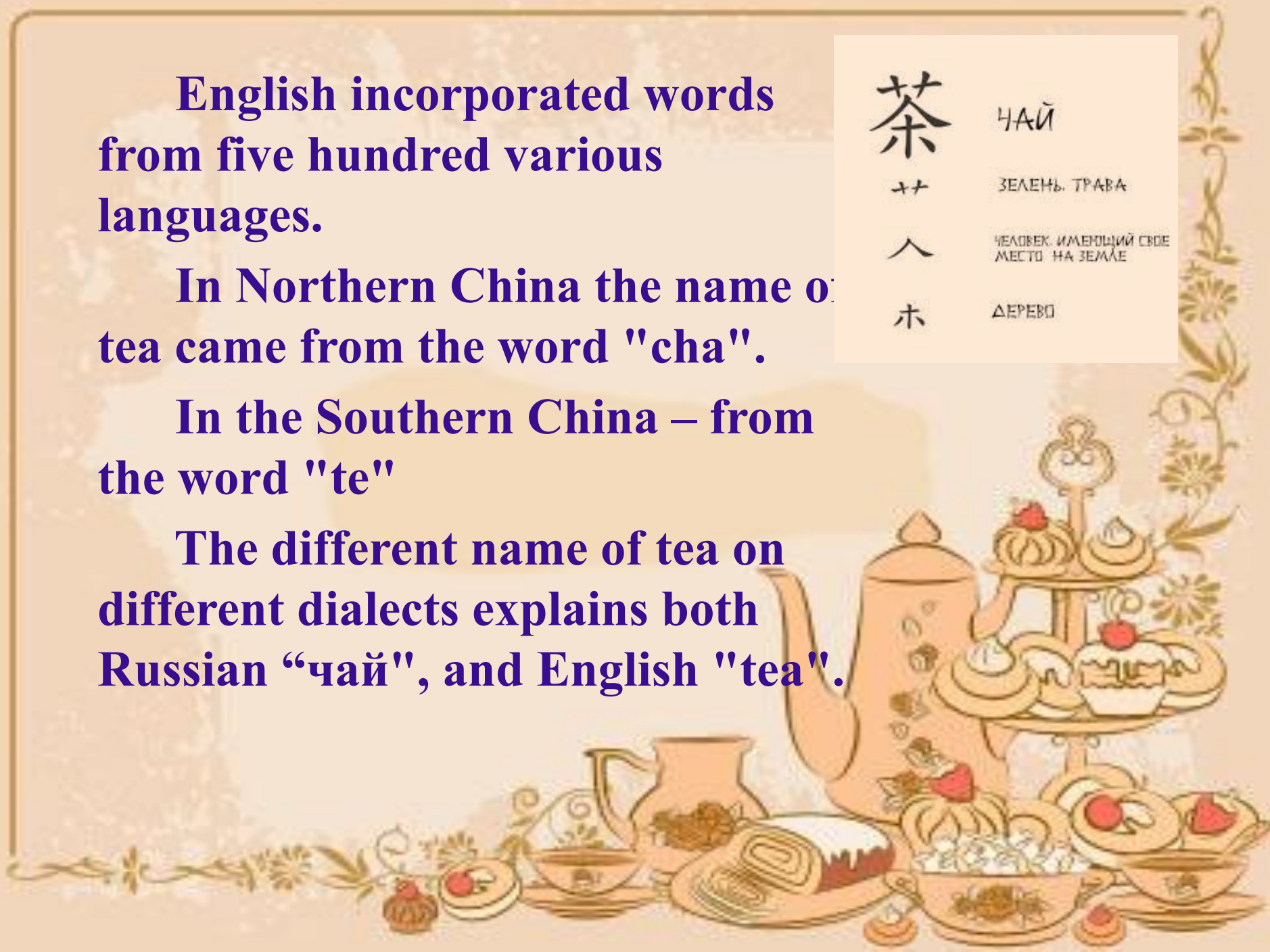
ЗЕЛЕНЬ, ТРАВА

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The culture of tea drinking in England plays the same role as the code of the samurai in Japan. Tea became part of the daily routine of constant, according to which the good old England lives from morning to evening.





British themselves joked: "It's easier to imagine Britain without the Queen than without tea," and the joke is not a big exaggeration.



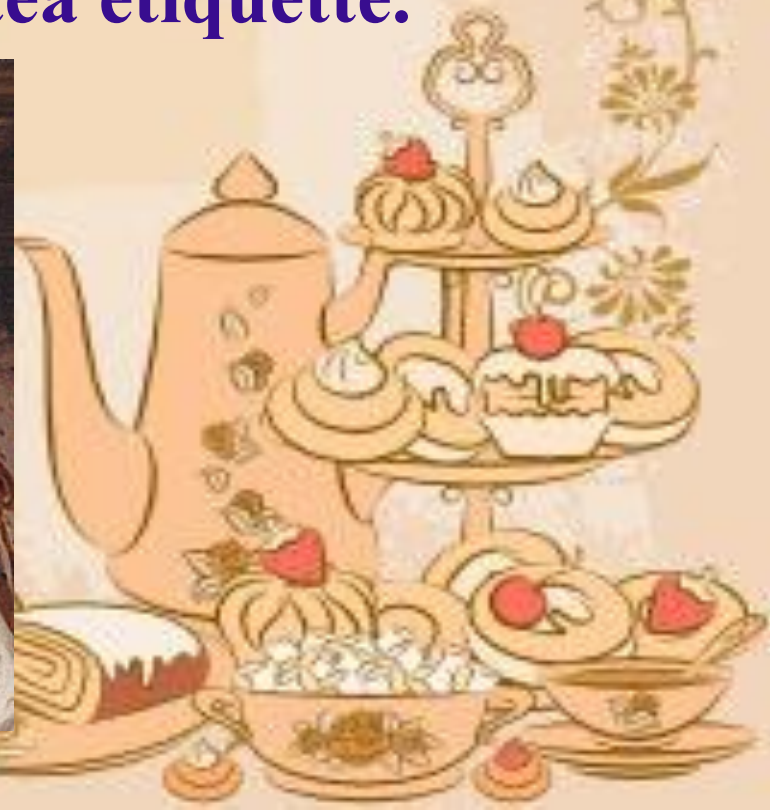
It is considered that the love of tea England owes women. Katarina Bragansskaya, the Portuguese princess, wife of King Charles II. Big fan of tea, she introduced with this drink palace aristocracy and made regular tea ceremony at the court.



Anna VII, Duchess of Bedford. She is credited with inventing the "afternoon tea" - the man who in all languages of the world is known as the «five-o'clock». They say that Anna hardly endured lunch break between early and late dinner, experiencing "languor in the stomach." And one day the queen asked to bring in a boudoir tea and biscuits. Tea drinking at an inopportune time had by the way, and soon became a national tradition.



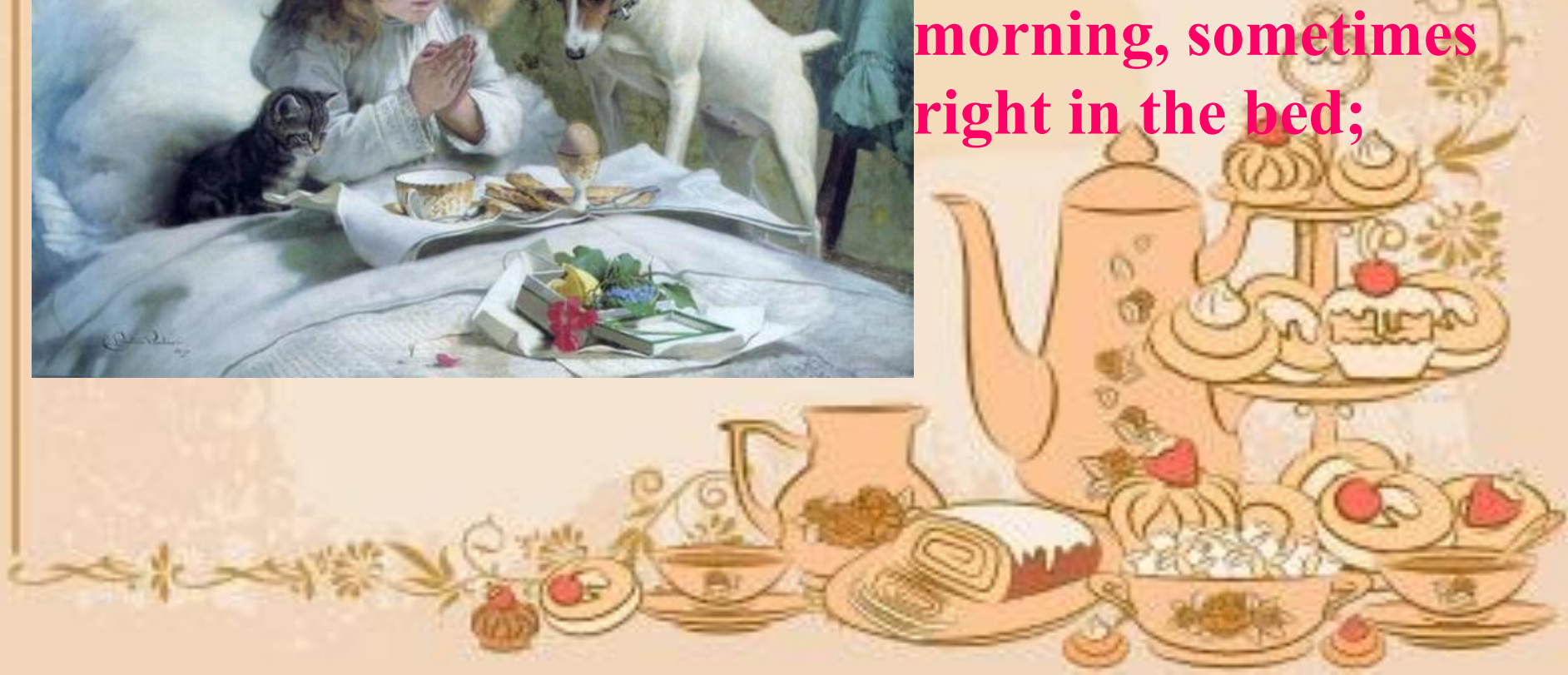
A strengthened position of tea Queen Victoria, which immediately after the coronation requested a cup of tea and a fresh issue «Times». By the way, a brilliant essay written by the Queen owns «Tea Moralities», seriously affect the modern tea etiquette.



**Every Englishman in the whole day can drink
about 6 cups of tea.**



**Morning, the earliest
tea, drink about six
o'clock in the
morning, sometimes
right in the bed;**





Then tea is served about eight, during the first light breakfast. The British prefer to drink at this time, which is called «English Breakfast».



Later, at eleven or twelve, it is time to "second lunch", "low tea", a hearty breakfast, which, of course, cannot do without tea.



The fourth time the British drink tea in the middle of the day, making a short break, which is called «tea break». *This tradition continues to this day.*



No matter what happens, at five o'clock in the evening, the famous «five-o'clock», millions of Britons from a humble servant of the Queen to drink tea, generously flavored with its milk or cream.



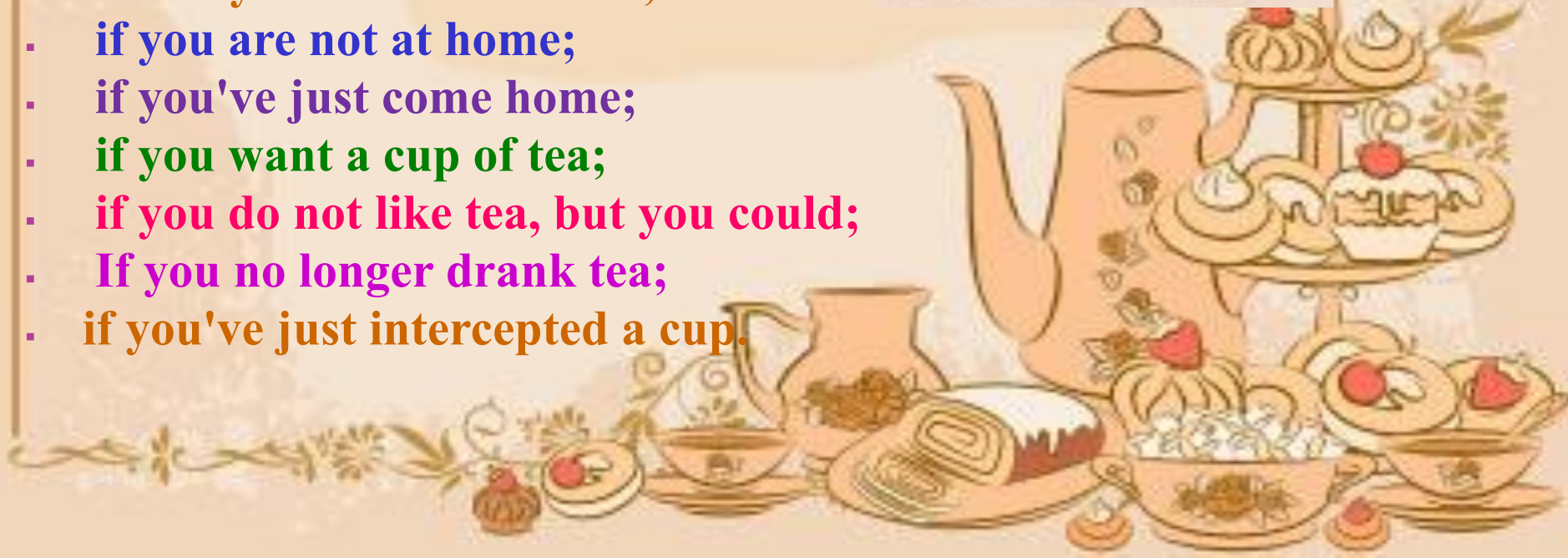
Evening after work, it is time to «high tea», thick and fragrant aristocratic drink.



In the book "How to be a Brit" the Hungarian journalist George Mikes advised:

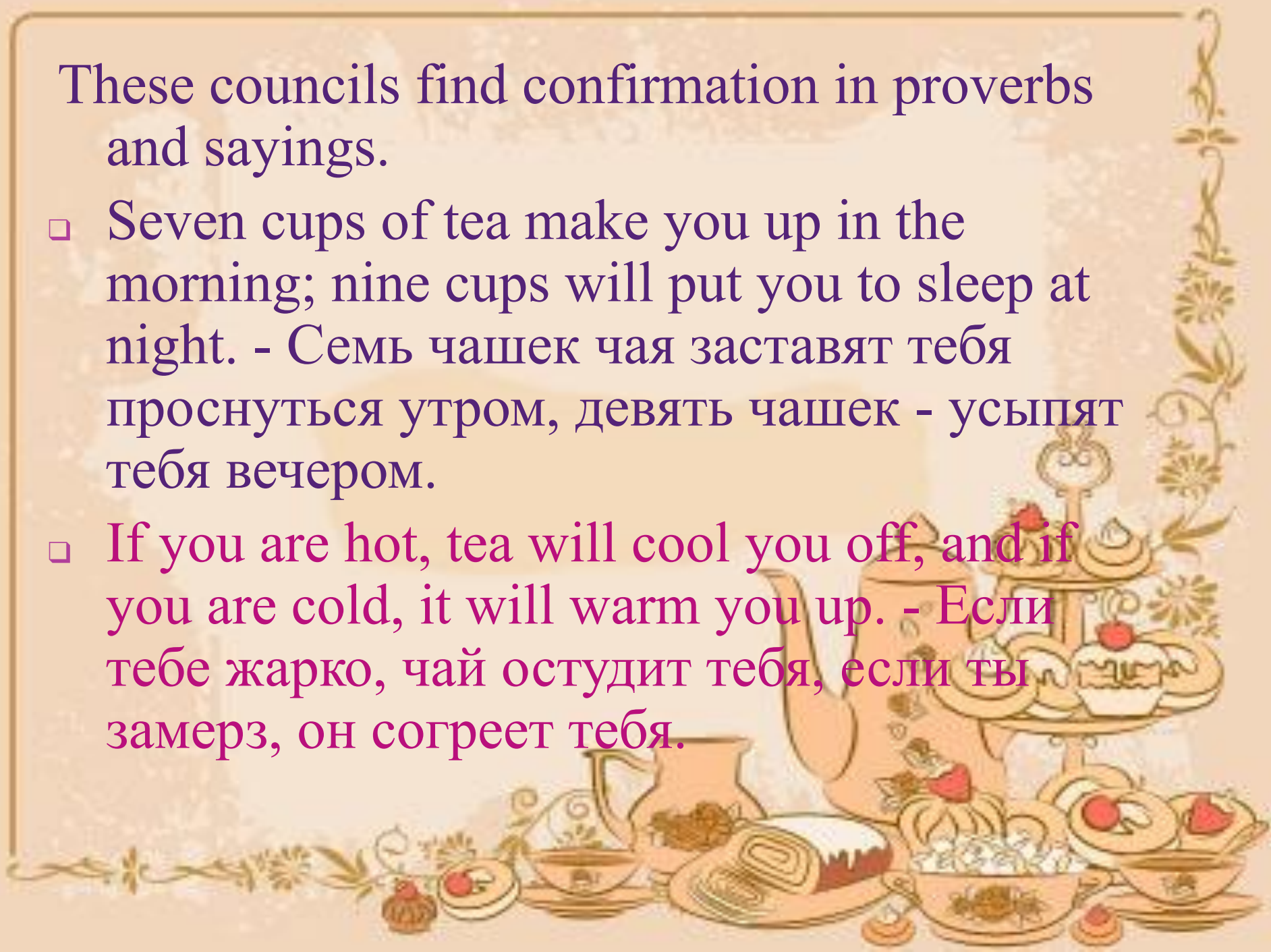
You should never give a cup of tea in the following circumstances:

- **if it is hot outside;**
- **if it's cold outside;**
- **if you are tired;**
- **if someone thinks you are tired;**
- **if you do not own;**
- **before you leave the house;**
- **if you are not at home;**
- **if you've just come home;**
- **if you want a cup of tea;**
- **if you do not like tea, but you could;**
- **If you no longer drank tea;**
- **if you've just intercepted a cup.**



These councils find confirmation in proverbs and sayings.

- Seven cups of tea make you up in the morning; nine cups will put you to sleep at night. - Семь чашек чая заставят тебя проснуться утром, девять чашек - усыпят тебя вечером.
- If you are hot, tea will cool you off, and if you are cold, it will warm you up. - Если тебе жарко, чай остудит тебя, если ты замерз, он согреет тебя.



- **For traditional English tea is characterized by certain conditions: a special table setting, a large selection of teas and tea etiquette. The room in which they drink tea, should be spacious, to be able to move freely and communicate.**



- Decided to hold a cup with three fingers: the thumb, index and middle and little finger and the ring is pressed against the middle of the palm. If you drink tea, sitting at the table, tear off the table just a cup. If the tea party is held, when the guests sit in a chair or on the couch, the cup with saucer held at chest level.



The British invented the modern design of cups. According to their idea in China has attached in a conventional piala handle. And they have become inventors saucers that were needed to tea do not drip onto the white tablecloth.



- **Since 1880 tea ceremonies began to be followed by dances. And as it is surprising, the passionate Argentina tango became status dance for English tea drinking!**



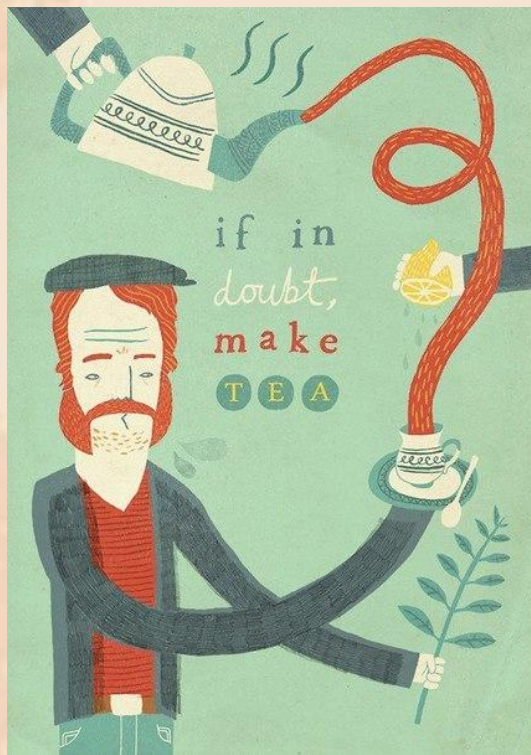
DANCING FLOOR AND TEA GARDENS, RUSHEN ABBEY, L.O.M.



How is the tradition of tea drinking reflected in country language?



In English popular speech speak about the stale person : "The man with no tea in him".



“What time is it now? Time to drink tea!” So the day and meal at British is represented.

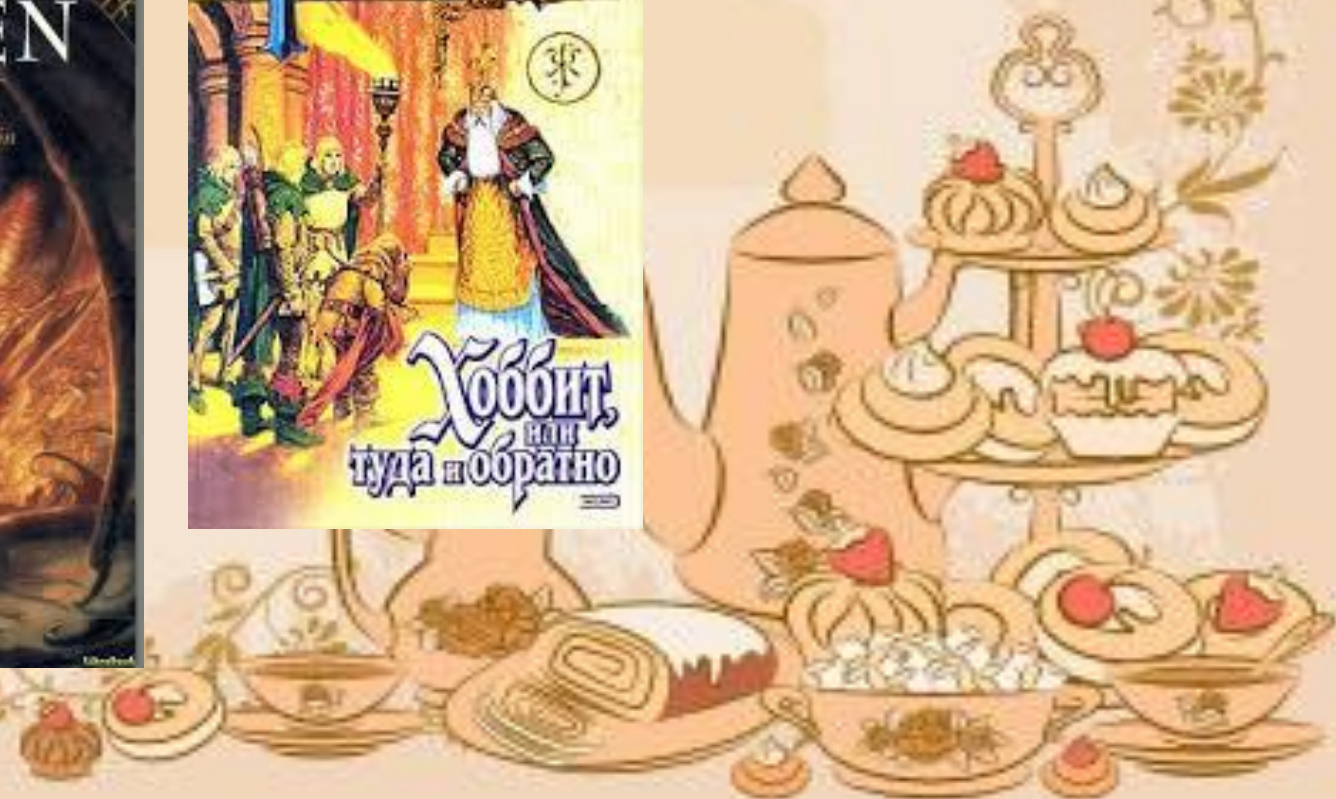
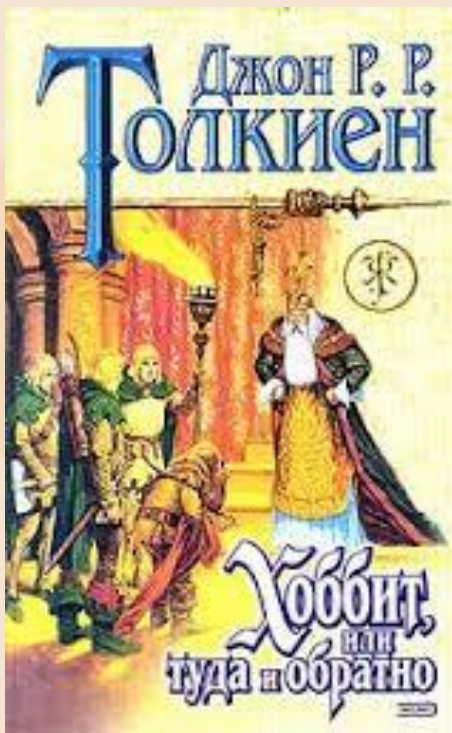
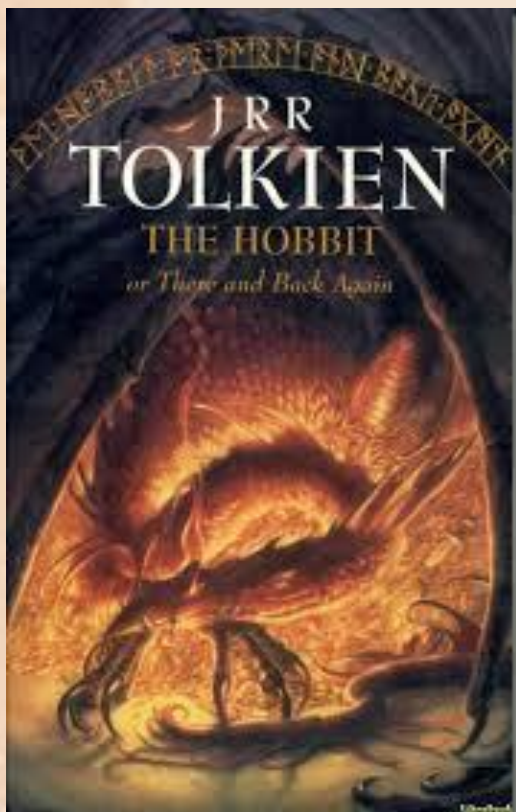


Tea in English literature.

Many are familiar, as Lewis Carroll in his book "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" gave a description of the ritual, full of purely English humor, calling it a "mad tea party."



The main hero of the history "Hobbit, or There and Back again" has tea strictly at five o'clock in the evening.



Sherlock Holmes in works Arthur Conan Doyle solves the most difficult tasks also rescues lost souls with the help cups of tea .



English saying:

**"Be gathered knowledge at school behind the book,
and grow the house behind a cup of tea wise".**



**Queen Victoria was accustomed
to read books behind a tea cup.
Having headed the empire,
Victoria ordered to give tea in
libraries for the best assimilation
of knowledge.
In the Teachers' Day British give
tea.**



And finally, some of the most used idioms with the word "tea":

To be one's cup of tea — to be something that one prefers or desires (что-то, что вам очень нравится или вы предпочитаете).

This spy novel is just my cup of tea. Teaching children to read is just my cup of tea.

To the contrary:

It's not my cup of tea.

Hip-Hop is definitely not my cup of tea.

Not for all the tea in China – you will never do what you would like to do (вы не станете делать что-либо ни за что на свете)

I wouldn't wear this ugly skirt for all the tea in China.

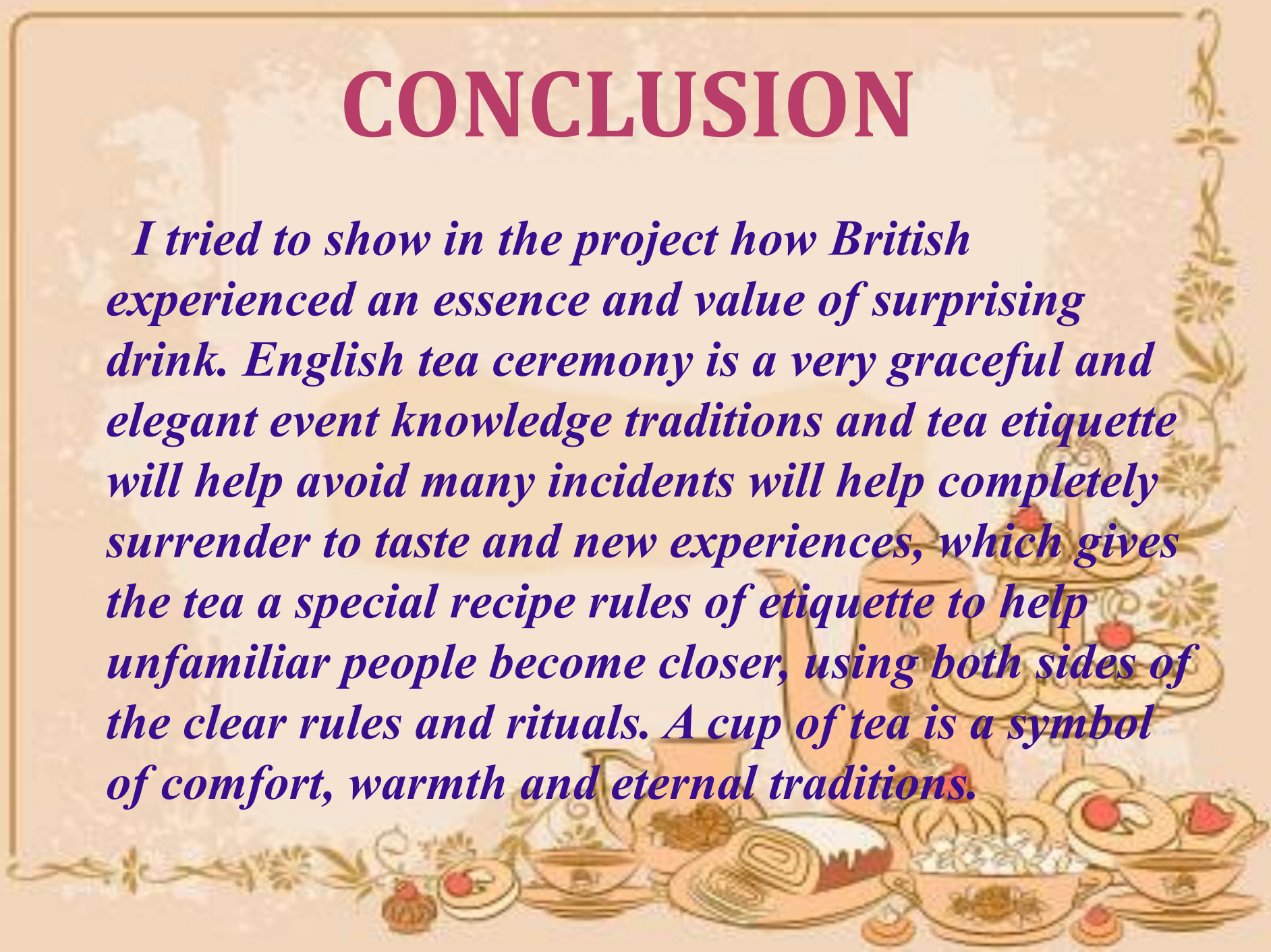
To be as good as a chocolate teapot – to be completely useless (быть абсолютно бесполезным)

The new diet you've advised me is as good as a chocolate teapot.



CONCLUSION

I tried to show in the project how British experienced an essence and value of surprising drink. English tea ceremony is a very graceful and elegant event knowledge traditions and tea etiquette will help avoid many incidents will help completely surrender to taste and new experiences, which gives the tea a special recipe rules of etiquette to help unfamiliar people become closer, using both sides of the clear rules and rituals. A cup of tea is a symbol of comfort, warmth and eternal traditions.





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