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Tea Culture

Part 1: Read the passage below.

Tea culture is very important in many countries, especially in places like the UK and China, where it is deeply steeped in tradition. In these cultures, drinking tea is not just about the drink itself, but also about social habits and daily routines.

However, not everyone enjoys tea. Some people say it is simply not their cup of tea, especially if they prefer coffee or other drinks. Still, tea remains popular, and people often gather to share stories and relax.

Sometimes, small problems can happen during tea gatherings. For example, someone might complain about the taste or temperature of the tea, and others may turn it into a storm in a teacup, making the issue seem more serious than it really is.

In busy tea shops, workers often brew up a storm, quickly making many cups of tea for customers. However, if the equipment does not work well, it can be as good as a chocolate teapot, meaning it is completely useless.

To attract more customers, some tea shops add new flavors or desserts to sweeten the deal, making the experience more enjoyable.

Use the context to explain the meaning of each idiom in your own words.

1. Steeped in tradition → _____
2. A storm in a teacup → _____
3. As good as a chocolate teapot → _____
4. Brew up a storm → _____
5. Not my cup of tea → _____
6. Sweeten the deal → _____

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- Is this food your cup of tea? Why or why not?
- Do people make a storm in a teacup about this food (e.g. trends, hype)?
- Is it part of tradition (steeped in tradition) or modern?
- Do shops sweeten the deal with toppings or offers?