



HOW TO MAKE A CUP OF TEA

Lesson Overview

- **Level:** Basic / Low Beginner ESL
- **Time:** 30–40 minutes
- **Skills practiced:** Vocabulary (kitchen items, verbs), sequencing, speaking practice, personalization
- **Materials:** Pictures or realia (cup, kettle, tea bag, milk, sugar, spoon), board/markers, handouts

Objectives:

- Students will learn and practice simple vocabulary related to making tea.
- Students will understand and use sequencing words (first, next, then, last).
- Students will practice giving and following instructions in English.

Warm-up (5–7 minutes)

Keep it visual and personal. Use flash cards ([PDF 2](#)) or real objects to spark discussion.

Questions for beginners (yes/no or short answers):

1. Do you drink tea?
2. Do you drink coffee?
3. Do you put milk in tea?
4. Do you put sugar in tea?
5. Who makes tea in your house?
6. What color is tea with milk? Without milk?
7. What color is your favorite tea? Black? Green?



Tips for teachers:

- Use flash cards ([PDF 2](#)), gestures, and props (hold up a cup, point to sugar).
- Accept one-word answers (“Yes,” “Milk,” “Sugar”) and expand them gently (“Yes, I drink tea”).
- Pair students for short exchanges to build confidence.

Teaching the Vocabulary

- Show each item one by one (cup, tea bag, kettle, etc.).
- Use choral repetition: say the word, students repeat.
- If possible, pass real objects around the class.
- Reinforce verbs with actions: mime “boil,” “pour,” “drink.”

Main Activity: Sequencing

- Read the steps aloud slowly. Students number the steps. Check answers together.
- Emphasize sequencing words: "First... Next... Then... Finally..."

Main Activity

How to Make a Cup of Tea – Step by Step

Read/listen and number the steps 1–8 in the correct order. Teacher can read aloud slowly first.

Here are the steps. Put them in the right order (1 = first, 8 = last).

- _____ Put milk in the cup. (How much? A little or a lot?)
- _____ Put one tea bag in the cup.
- _____ Put sugar in the cup. (One spoon or two?)
- _____ Take the cup.
- _____ Drink your tea! It's good!
- _____ Pour hot water in the cup.
- _____ Wait 2 or 3 minutes.
- _____ Boil water in the kettle. (Water is hot now!)



Follow-up Practice

1. Speaking Practice

Work with a partner. Tell the steps to make tea.

Say:

- "First, boil water."
- "Next, take the cup."
- "Then, put the tea bag."

Continue until the last step.

2. Personalize

Talk about your tea.

- Do you make tea like this?
- Is it different?

Example: "I put lemon. No milk."

3. Draw It

Draw 4 simple pictures:

Boil water	Put tea bag	Pour hot water	Drink tea

Teacher's Key

Main Activity

How to Make a Cup of Tea – Step by Step

1. Boil water in the kettle.
2. Take the cup.
3. Put one tea bag in the cup.
4. Pour hot water in the cup.
5. Wait 2–3 minutes.
6. Put milk in the cup.
7. Put sugar in the cup.
8. Drink your tea!

4. True or False Game - Last Activity

Read the sentences. Students Say True or False.

- First, put sugar. False
- Next, pour hot water. True
- Wait 10 minutes. False
- Drink tea. Yum! True