

## Topic: Is Coffee Better Than Tea?

**Person A:** Coffee is better than tea. It tastes stronger, it works faster, and it has a culture around it that tea cannot match. When you say "let's go for coffee," you mean let's go somewhere and talk. When you say "let's have tea," you mean let's sit at home. Coffee is a public drink. Tea is a private drink. Public drinks are more social.

**Person B:** That is a very narrow definition of culture. Tea has a far richer cultural history than coffee. Britain, Japan, China, India, every major tea drinking country has developed elaborate ceremonies, social rituals, and class signalling around how tea is prepared and served. Coffee culture is forty years old. Tea culture is two thousand.

**Person A:** History is not the same as relevance. Coffee is what most working adults drink today. The market has decided.

**Person B:** The market has decided what is profitable. That is a different question from what is better. Tea has lower caffeine, lower acidity, and a much wider range of flavours. The reason coffee dominates is that it is faster and more addictive, not that it is better.

**Person A:** Faster and more functional is part of being better. A drink that helps you do your work is doing more for you than a drink that requires a quiet afternoon.

**Person B:** That argument only works if work is the only thing that matters. The case for tea is that it slows you down on purpose, and slowing down is a thing humans need.

