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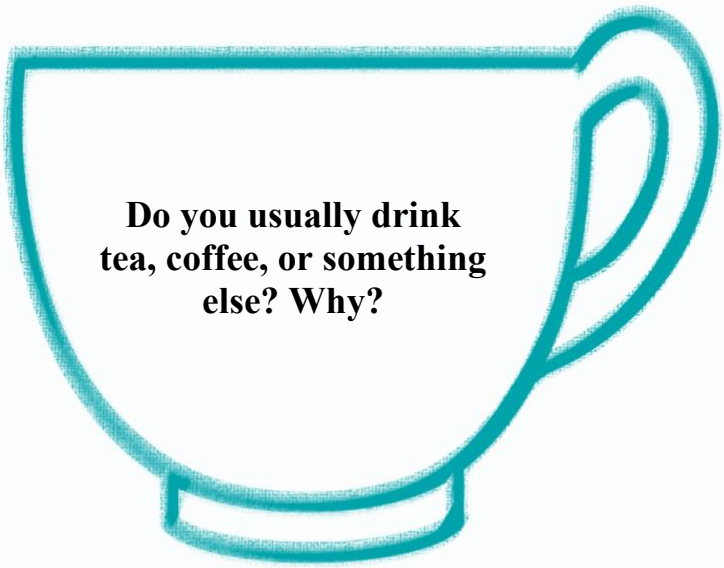
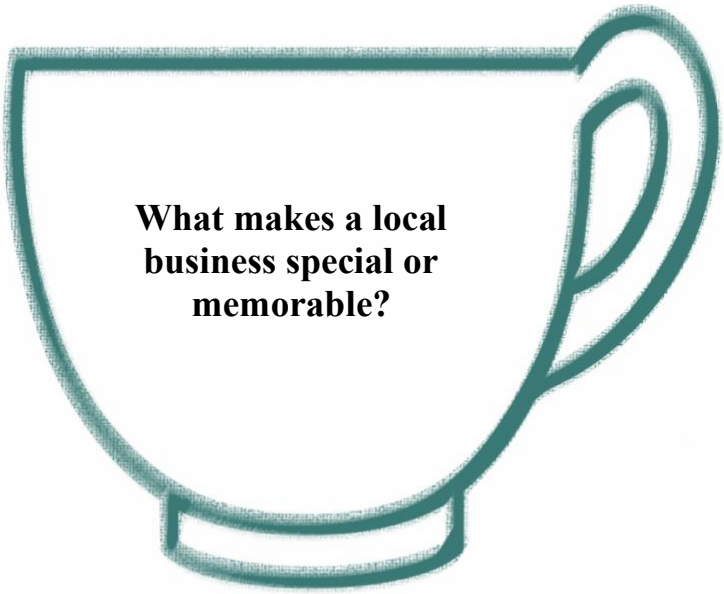
Activity A: Warm-Up Questions

Discuss the following questions in pairs or small groups.

Steep your ideas:
Try to explain your answer with because, for example, or in my experience.





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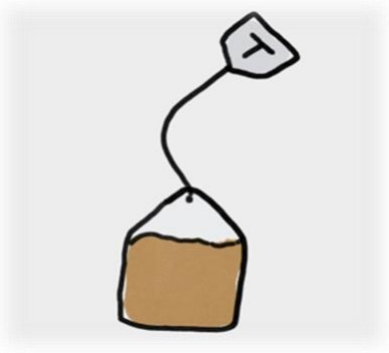
What is the difference between

- pouring tea,
- spilling tea,
- spilling the tea?

Activity B: Picture-Word Matching

Match each picture with the correct word.

Infuser	**Kettle**	**Loose leaf tea**	**Pour**	**Saucer**	**Steam**	**Teabag**	**Teacup**	**Teapot**



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Activity C: Vocabulary Definitions

With a partner, look up meanings of each word, write down the part of the speech and a short definition.

Word	Word Type	Definition
Bookkeeper		
Ether		
Facet		
Inkling		
Instinct		
Oxidize		
Pivot		
Pollinate		
Ritual		
Steep		
Sustainable		
Winding		

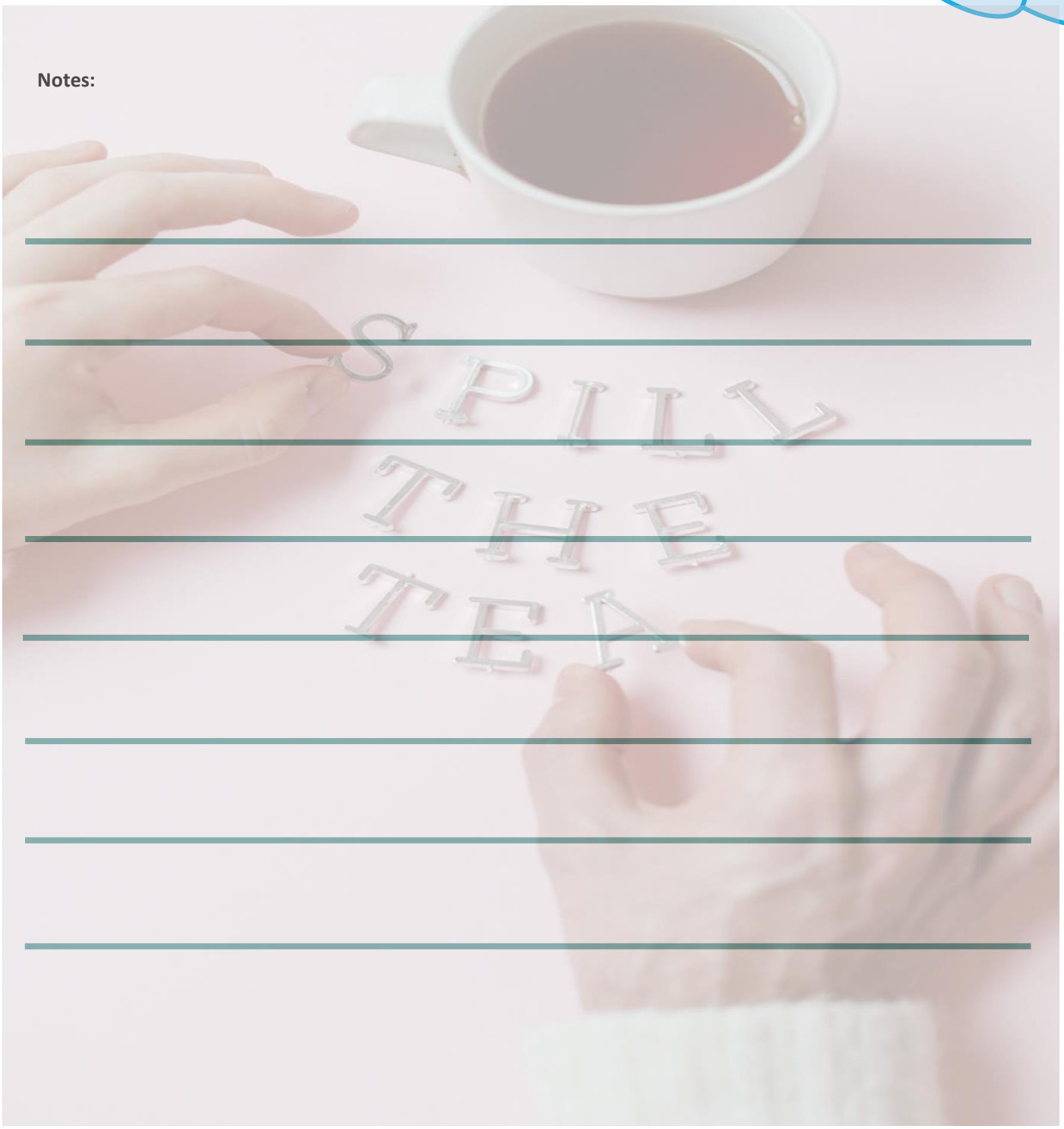
Useful resources:

- https://www.theidioms.com/
- https://www.idioms.online/

Activity D: Language Expressions

Find 3–5 expressions or idioms with the word tea or coffee in them.

Share their meanings with the class.



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Did you know?

After water, tea is one of the most popular drinks in the world.

Activity E: Pre-Video Discussion Questions

Discuss the questions below before watching the video.

1. Based on the title of the workbook, what do you think this video will be about?

2. What do you think makes Chaibaba different from a regular café or tea shop?

3. What challenges do you think a small local business like Chaibaba might have?

4. What is one thing you want to learn from the video?

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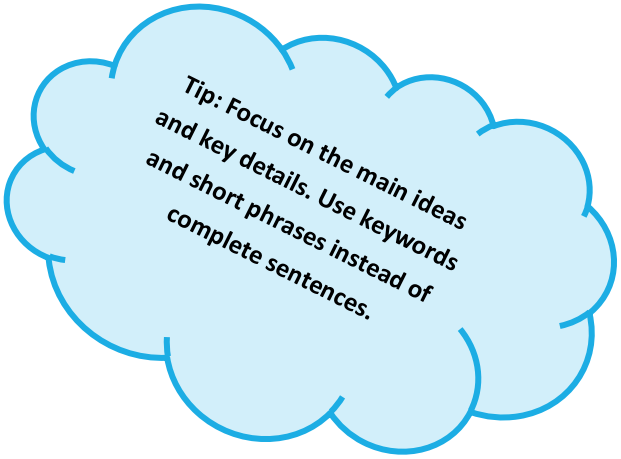
Activity F: Video-Note Taking

As you watch the Chaibaba video, take notes on the important information you hear.



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Visit the Chaibaba website to learn more about the business.

Activity G: Comprehension Questions

After watching the video, discuss the questions below.

1(a). What does Crystal enjoy most about running Chaibaba?

1(b). What is one challenge she faces?

2. What are 2 pieces of advice given about starting a business?

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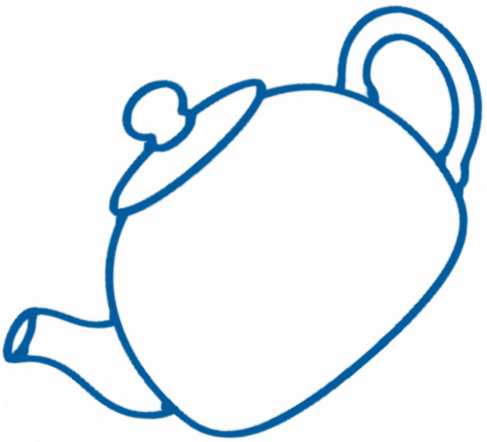

3. Crystal says that ether is "*the magic that runs through everything*." what do you think she means?

4. why do you think it might be important to make a small business sustainable and part of a community?

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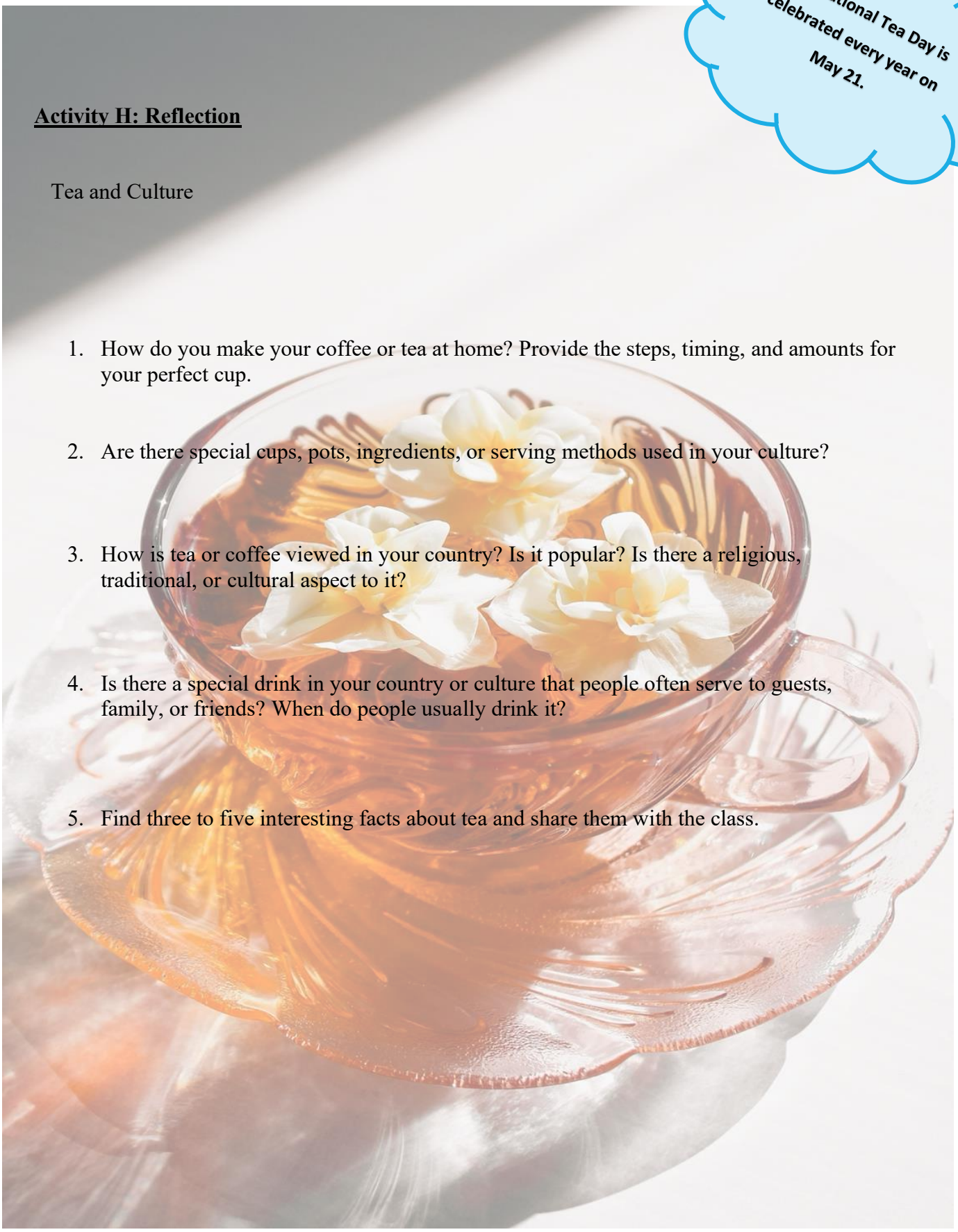
Activity H: Reflection

Tea and Culture



1. How do you make your coffee or tea at home? Provide the steps, timing, and amounts for your perfect cup.

2. Are there special cups, pots, ingredients, or serving methods used in your culture?

3. How is tea or coffee viewed in your country? Is it popular? Is there a religious, traditional, or cultural aspect to it?

4. Is there a special drink in your country or culture that people often serve to guests, family, or friends? When do people usually drink it?

5. Find three to five interesting facts about tea and share them with the class.

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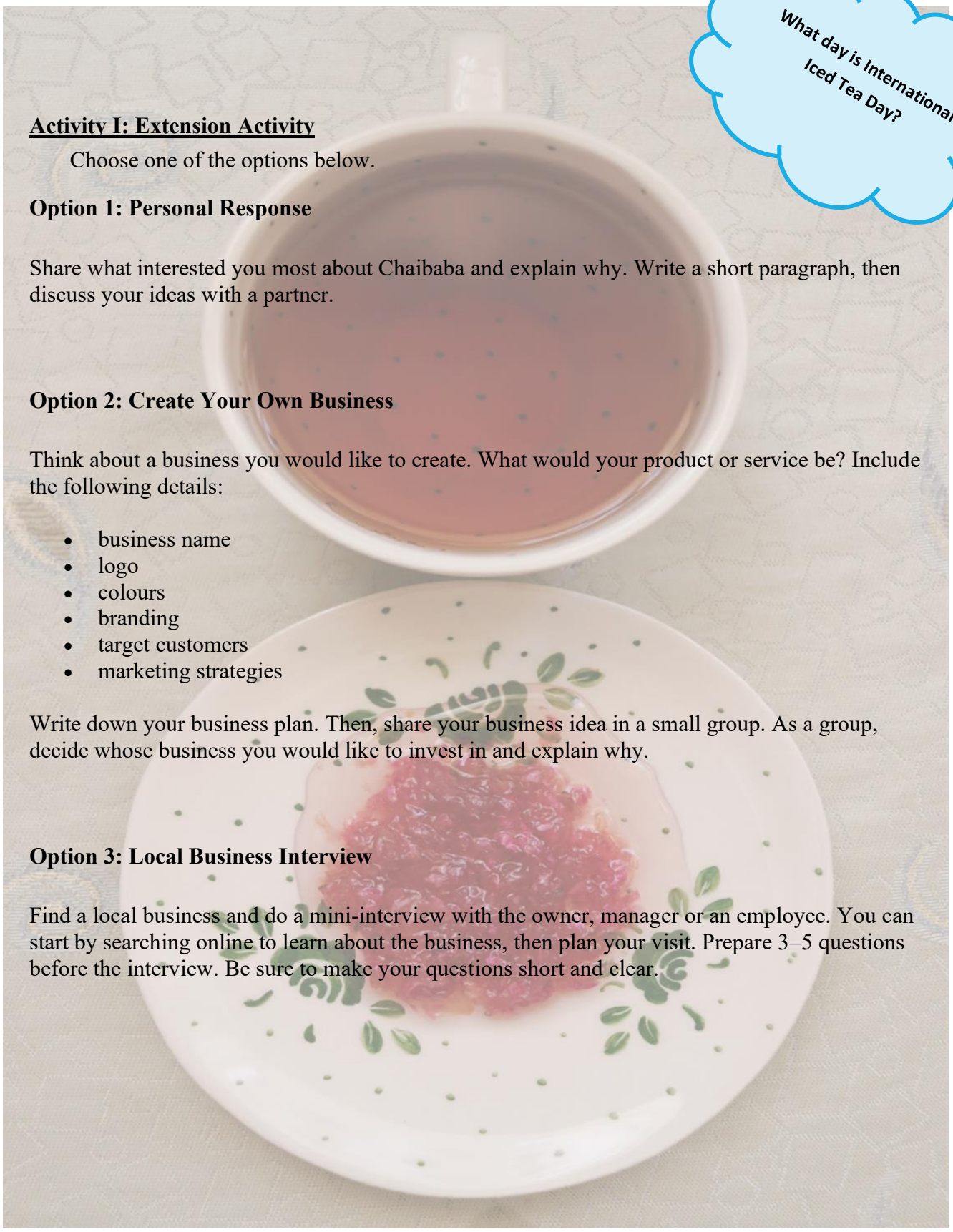

Activity I: Extension Activity

Choose one of the options below.

Option 1: Personal Response

Share what interested you most about Chaibaba and explain why. Write a short paragraph, then discuss your ideas with a partner.

Option 2: Create Your Own Business

Think about a business you would like to create. What would your product or service be? Include the following details:

- business name
- logo
- colours
- branding
- target customers
- marketing strategies

Write down your business plan. Then, share your business idea in a small group. As a group, decide whose business you would like to invest in and explain why.

Option 3: Local Business Interview

Find a local business and do a mini-interview with the owner, manager or an employee. You can start by searching online to learn about the business, then plan your visit. Prepare 3–5 questions before the interview. Be sure to make your questions short and clear.

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