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Rosie: Hi Li. **Fancy a cuppa?**

Li: A cuppa?

Rosie: Yes, would you like a cup of tea?

Li: 'Fancy a cuppa?' is a way of asking 'would you like a cup of tea?' ... Yes please, Rosie.

Rosie: Do you take milk and sugar?

Li: Oh yes. Milk and four sugars please. I have **a sweet tooth**. 我喜欢吃甜食。

Rosie: Four sugars? Ugh, I wouldn't put sugar in my cup **for all the tea in China!**

Li: Rosie wouldn't put sugar in her tea **for all the tea in China!** Rosie 说，不论怎样她都不会在她的茶里面加糖的。

Rosie: I have just made you the perfect cup of tea!

Li: The perfect cup of tea? Well, **it's not rocket science**, is it? 那又不是什么高科技，很简单嘛。

Rosie: What do you mean? Making tea is an art.

Li: Really? You just put the tea bag in, add hot water, add milk, and add sugar. It seems quite simple.

Rosie: Well, it's more complicated than you think. You need to use good quality tea leaves.

Li: Good quality tea leaves.

Rosie: And choose the right kind of tea: English Breakfast tea is **full-bodied** and **full of flavour**, whereas Earl Grey is **aromatic** and **refreshing**.

Li: 英国早餐茶充满了浓郁的味道。 English Breakfast tea is **full-bodied** and **full of flavour**, 而格雷伯爵茶则芳香清爽 whereas Earl Grey tea is **aromatic** and **refreshing**.

Rosie: The water has to be **freshly boiled**.

Li: Freshly boiled water? 用刚烧开水? 沏茶当然要用开水了! 这本来很简单的事让你给说复杂了。 It gets more and more complicated.

Rosie: And you need to **let it brew** for the right amount of time.

Li: Let it brew. 浸泡. English people take their tea quite seriously, don't they?

Rosie: Of course. And when we don't like something, we say: **it's not my cup of tea**.

Li: It's not my cup of tea. 我不喜欢, 不感兴趣. That's a cool phrase. Here is how you use it:

Examples:

Li: Classical music is not my cup of tea. Disco – that's better!

Rosie: Ugh, I hate running! It's really not my cup of tea.

Rosie: Anyway, taste it and tell me what you think. Is it the perfect cup of tea?

Li: Yuck! Disgusting! ... Rosie, you talked and talked about making the perfect cuppa and now it is cold! This is really not my cup of tea. Sorry Rosie.

Vocabulary

Fancy a cuppa? 想喝杯茶吗?

for all the tea in China 不论怎样都不会...

to have a sweet tooth 喜欢吃甜食

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