

Subject: The Accidental Invention of the Teabag**1. Define the following words in English**

- tea bag
- hemisphere
- gauze
- shrewd
- sample
- mug
- bush
- to borrow sth

**2. Answer the questions to the text**

- How was tea sold in Europe and the USA in the past?
- Who was Thomas Sullivan?
- What did Thomas Sullivan do?
- What was invented in 1929?
- What did Adolf Rambold invent in 1948?
- What do the cheapest and most common tea bags in England look like?
- How do tea bags influence the environment?

3. What are the missing words?

- Tea had been enjoyed long before the tea bag came along. The l..... of several types of tea bush have been picked, dried, imported and exported, then i..... in hot water, and enjoyed around the world in great quantities for centuries.
- ‘Loose leaf’ tea as we now call it, was prepared in a number of ways; from simply putting it in a c..... with hot water, to boiling it in extravagant tea p..... and urns.
- The Chinese had been packing tea in paper since the eighth century, but in Europe and the USA, it was sold in large b....., then divided by individuals before consumption.
- The double c..... bag retains more flavour and freshness, and aids diffusion.

4. Fill in the table with the missing irregular verb forms.
Look for some of them in the text.

	sold	
	drank	
		had
		sent
find		
		heard
misunderstand		
go		
	wrote	
give		

5. Create your own alternative headlines that could replace the existing ones used in the article e.g. 'Tea and Coffee Sales' could be replaced with 'Sullivan's Samples'