



Tea sampling © Museum of London.

London heritage fact: taking samples of tea

This is a photograph from the Museum of London Docklands. It shows a warehouse worker taking samples of tea.

A sample was taken of everything that arrived at the warehouse so if something was labelled incorrectly they could still identify it.

The museum is in a building called Warehouse No 1, where goods were brought from all over the world. The docks and warehouses were built to make it quicker to unload ships. Before if they were carrying food they had to wait so long before they could unload it often went bad!

Answer the following questions.

1. What is this warehouse worker sampling?

2. What is the name of the building the Museum of London Docklands is in?

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3. Before the warehouse was built what often happened to food?

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True or False.

4. Goods were brought to the warehouse from Birmingham.

True

False

5. The docks and warehouses were built to make it quicker to unload boats?

True

False

Discuss with a partner.

What things do you eat or drink that come from other countries?