

My MEP Projects: Y9

Y9 Project: More about Bubble Tea

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You may already know lots about Bubble Tea, especially if you did the Year 7 MEP Project 'The Lost Cowboy'. This Year 9 Project will take you further into the world of Asia's favourite drink.

You'll learn about the weirdest new flavours, practise talking about what you think of them, how to order what you want and how to change your mind.

You'll get creative and design your own flavour, and maybe even try a vlog.

And if you worry about what all those plastic straws are doing to the environment, you can learn about how scientists are looking for more eco-friendly alternatives

Go for it!

Task 1: What is Bubble Tea? Let's recap:

The Year 7 MEP project about Bubble tea was called 'The Lost Cowboy'. Take another look at this video by the pop group *Transition* to remind yourself what cowboys have to do with Bubble Tea:

<http://bit.ly/LostCowboy>

Task 1a: A few key words to start you off.

As you may remember, Bubble Tea has lots of different names in English, for example 'boba tea', 'tapioca tea', 'tapioca pearl drink', and 'momi milk tea'. The key Chinese name for bubble tea is:

珍珠奶茶
zhēn zhū nǎi chá



The last two characters you probably recognize. Fill in the missing English words.

珍珠	zhēn zhū	pearl
奶	nǎi	
茶	chá	

Task 1b

珍珠 meaning 'pearl' can be broken down into two characters, 珍 zhēn meaning 'precious' and 珠 zhū meaning 'pearl'. Both characters have the 'jade' radical 王 to the left which is often on words to do with precious stones, treasures and valuable things. You also often find characters with this radical in girls' names. Draw a circle or highlight any words below that you think might have to do with precious things.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	玖 jiǔ	真 zhēn	房 fáng	玫 méi	落 luò
2	喜 xǐ	辣 là	珊 shān	瑰 guī	桌 zhuō
3	点 diǎn	书 shū	藏 zāng	瑾 jǐn	琴 qín
4	船 chuán	珀 pò	猫 māo	是 shì	饭 fàn

Task 1c

Look up the characters you've highlighted. Fill in the table below (the first one has been done for you)

Co-ordinates	A1						
Pinyin	jiǔ						
Meaning	black jade						

Task 1d

You will already know two commonly occurring characters with the jade radical which don't really have anything to do with 'precious'. Highlight or draw a circle around those characters in the sentences below and then translate the sentences into English:

1. 现在九点_____

2. 我喜欢玩电脑游戏_____

☆	Task 1 complete	
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Task 2: What flavour do you like?

There are hundreds of flavours of bubble tea and new ones are invented all the time.

In this task you'll find out some typical Chinese bubble tea flavours and get some practice in ordering your favourites... and changing your mind!

Task 2a

Here are six flavours with their names in Chinese characters.



A 鲜芋奶茶



B 椰果奶茶



C 红豆奶茶



D 珍珠奶茶



E 布奶茶



F 奶茶三兄弟

Match the Chinese to the pinyin, then look up the English translation in your dictionary. The first one has been done for you:

Pinyin	Cup	English translation
nǎi chá sān xiōng dì	F	'three brothers milk tea' *
zhēn zhū nǎi chá		
hóng dōu nǎi chá		
xiān yù nǎi chá		
bù dīng nǎi chá		
yē guǒ nǎi chá		

**This flavour, known in English as 'Three Guys' is described in the English-language menu as "delicious pudding, chewy tapioca and soft grass jelly"*

Are there any words in the English translation that you don't know? Perhaps they are ingredients that aren't often found in foods in Britain. Look them up in an English dictionary or Wikipedia to find out what they are.

Write them in the box below. One has been done for you:

New words

Tapioca – made from the roots of a cassia plant, it can be made into little balls or pearls that are used in Bubble Tea

Task 2b: So which one would you order?

Your friends have reached the Bubble Tea shop before you, they send you a text:

你要喝什么?

Write your reply in Chinese:

But then you change your mind! Write a text dialogue of six messages in Chinese between you and your friends as you try to decide. Here are some useful sentence patterns:

I've changed my mind 我改变了主意! Wǒ gǎi biàn le zhǔ yì!

To order (food/drink) 点 diǎn

You are so annoying! 你太麻烦了! Nǐ tài má fan le!

One smart trick for language learners is to learn useful phrases by heart that will trip easily off the tip of your tongue when you need them.



'I've changed my mind' is a great one of those. Write it on a post-it and stick it somewhere you'll frequently see it, such as your phone or your bedroom wall. Keep it there for a week and say it (or even shout it) out loud every time you see it.

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Task 3: The craze for cheese tea

A new craze is cheese tea. Watch this short video to find out what it is:

<http://bit.ly/Cheese-Tea>



Now you're going to listen to and read an article in Chinese about Cheese Tea. The article is on the website *The Chairman's Bao*, which your teachers may have used in class. Click on the link below and take the following steps to ensure that you get the most out of this important learning resource.

Tick each step as you complete it on the table below. Remember, **repetition, repetition, repetition** is a key trick for successful language learners. You'll listen to the short audio five times (don't worry it's only one minute and seven seconds long!) but don't skimp on it!

<http://bit.ly/TCBCheeseTea>

Tick each step as you complete it:

Tasks	✓
Listen to the audio without looking at the text. Jot down in pinyin any words you recognize in the scroll below	
Listen to the audio again while reading the text	
Listen to it again while reading the text	
Hover your mouse over the words you don't know: the website will give you the translation	
Listen to it again while reading the text	
Click on 'Comprehension Questions' and do the exercises	
Listen to the audio one more time without reading the text. Enjoy how much better you understand it now!	

☆ Task 3 complete

Task 4: Really Weird! 真奇怪!

Did you ever learn the Chinese song 'Two Little Tigers' sung to the tune of *Frère Jacques*? Do you remember the last line?

zhēn qí guài! 真奇怪! "really weird!"

If you've never heard this song, you're missing out!

Here's a clip of it:

<http://bit.ly/TwoTigersSong>

Now let's watch a clip where three friends sample some very qí guài 奇怪 flavours of bubble tea:

<http://bit.ly/WeirdBubbletea>



Task 4a: *Weird Ingredients*

Here's a few of the ingredients in the weird mixtures they sampled. Look up the words in Chinese and write the characters and pinyin in the table below

Ingredient	Chinese characters	Pin yin
sesame		
lemon		
apple		
vinegar		
durian		

Task 4b: *What's durian?*

If you don't know what durian is and why some people can't stand it, google it and jot down your answer on the scroll. You can also do a quick sketch of what it looks like.

Task 4c: So what do you think?

Now you're going to write between 20 – 30 characters about the bubble teas they tested in the video. Be sure to talk about their opinions too.

Here's a few phrases to help you:

the weirdest	最奇怪	zùi qí guài	
to like the most	最喜欢	zùi xǐ huān	
to dislike the most	最不喜欢	zùi bù xǐ huān	
the first one	第一个	dì yī gè	
the second one	第二个	dì èr gè	(and so on)

★	Task 4 complete	
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Task 5: A Chinese vlogger reviews teas

You've watched a bubble tea review in English, now here's one in Chinese.

The Vlogger 'That Girl KiKi' talks you through five flavours of bubble tea and gives them points out of 10.

She's talking fast so don't expect to understand much of what she says but listen out and see what words you can catch.

You'll probably hear her saying 我覺得 wǒ jué de 'I think' and 好喝 'hǎo hē' 'good to drink'.

After each taster test she gives the drinks points (分 fēn) out of 10. Look out for when the scores appear on the screen and fill in the table below. The first has been done for you.



<http://bit.ly/KiKiTea>

Drink number		Score
第一个	dì yī gè	7
第二个	dì èr gè	
第三个	dì sān gè	
第四个	dì sì gè	
第五个	dì wǔ gè	

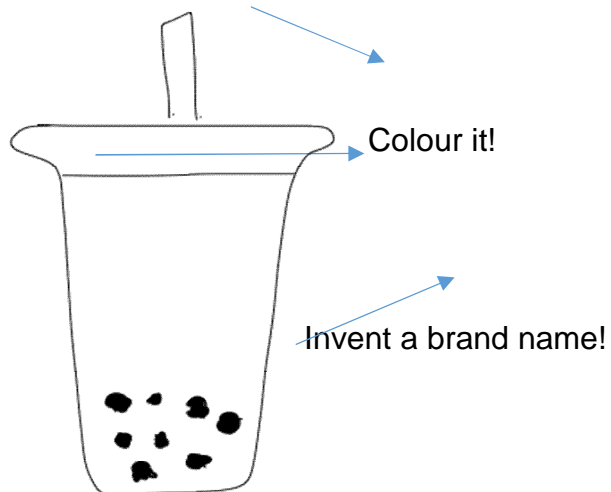
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Task 6: Get creative – design your own Bubble Tea drink

Now's your chance to create the perfect Bubble Tea to suit your taste. Go wild! You can add fruits, biscuits, whatever. Label your tea in both English and Chinese (use your dictionary to look up the Chinese terms)

Tip: If you want to look up a brand name in Chinese, one way is to go to Wikipedia and type in the English, for example 'Oreo', then go to the page and scroll down the languages side bar to the right. If there's a page in Chinese, you'll see 中文 listed. Click on that and, hey presto! It takes you to the Chinese Wikipedia page for that product and you'll see the Chinese name.

Label it (in Chinese!)



Now complete the sentences in Chinese below to say why you've chosen those ingredients.

Here's some words to help you

sweet	甜	tián
sour	酸	suān
salty	咸	xián
delicious, fragrant	香	xiāng
to choose	选择	xuǎn zé

我选择了	Ingredient name (in Chinese)	因为	Write in Chinese why you chose it
1. 我选择了		因为	
2. 我选择了		因为	
3. 我选择了		因为	

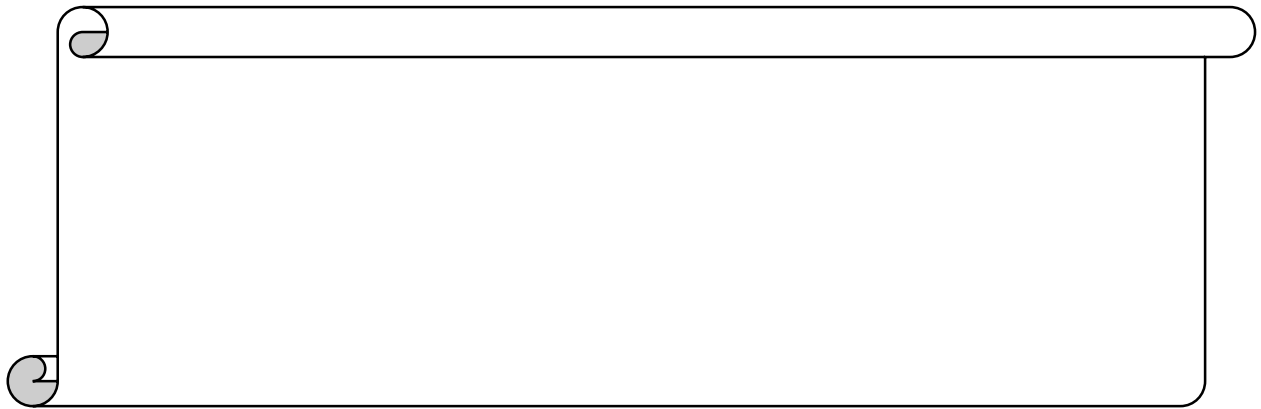
★ Task 6 complete

Task 7: But what about all those straws!!

Single-use plastic is a huge environmental problem and the millions of plastic straws used every day for Bubble Tea end up in landfill or the oceans. The search is on for environmentally friendly alternatives. Here's another short article from the Chairman's Bao about one company's attempts to develop straws made of seaweed. Remember how in Task 3 repetition really boosted your understanding of the Chinese. Do the same again with this short clip and fill in the table below in the same way:

<http://bit.ly/TCBStraws>

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Listen the audio without looking at the text. Jot down in pinyin any words you recognize in the scroll on the next page	
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Listen to it again while reading the text	
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★ Task 7 complete

Task 8: Big numbers!

Millions of cups of bubble tea, billions of straws, there's lots of big numbers involved in this topic, so in this task you'll practise how to talk about big numbers in Chinese. An incredibly useful skill, even if you're not a millionaire!

First watch this short clip which explains how the numbers work.

<http://bit.ly/BigNumbersCh>

The clip is made in Taiwan so the Chinese characters in the clip are traditional¹. The chart below shows the traditional and simplified versions:

Number	pin yin	Simplified character	Traditional character
a hundred	bǎi	百	百
a thousand	qiān	千	千
ten thousand	wàn	万	萬
one hundred million	yì	亿	億

¹ Traditional Characters are the more complex characters which were traditionally used in the past in China. Nowadays, most use Simplified which are the same as the characters you learn in school.



If you play mahjong you may recognize the character for ten thousand in traditional characters as it appears on lots of tiles.

Now for some practice:

Task 8a: *Hundreds and thousands*

Hundreds and thousands are pretty easy because they are done in the same way as in English.

In the video clip about cheese tea, the young woman says that a single-counter tea shop can sell 2,500 cups of cheese tea a day and a double counter can sell 4,500:

2,500	两千五百
4,500	四千五百

Fill in the gaps in this table with numbers or Chinese characters:

6,500	
	三千六百
8,200	
	八千四百五十六
6,422	
	一千六百零七
9,206	
7,505	

It's once you get beyond 10,000 that things get trickier because that's when you need to use wàn 万. The tea shop can sell 2,500 cups a day, so if it's open 7 days, it'll sell 17,500 cups in a week, and the two-counter shop will shift 31,500 cups a week.

17,500	一万七千五百
31,500	三万一千五百

One tip for doing numbers over 10,000 is to put another comma in before you work it out. For example:

17,500add a comma.....1,7,500 1 ten-thousand, 7 thousand, 5 hundred

一万七千五百

31,500add a comma.....3,1,500 3 ten-thousands, 1 thousand, 5 hundred

三万一千五百

259,986..... 25,9,986..... 25 ten-thousands, 9 thousand, 9 hundred and 86

二十五万九千九百八十六

Task 8b: Ten thousand and beyond!

Fill in the gaps in this table with numbers or Chinese characters:

25,500	
	三万两千两百
93,200	
	六万八千七百五十六
41,322	
	三万九千八百八十二
39,996	
99,999	
257,621	

One million... Easy Peasy!



If you do the comma trick, you'll see that 1,000,000 is simply 100,000 one hundred ten thousands. 一百万 yī bǎi wàn. And there's a simple way to remember that because 'bǎi wàn' sounds like the English 'Buy one...get one free!'



And now the really big one..... yì 亿 one hundred million

This number came up three times in the Chairman's Bao article about plastic straws:

- Between 1.7 亿 and 3.9 亿 straws used every year in the US;
- Starbucks use 5 亿 a day

1.7 亿	170,000,000	<i>One hundred and seventy million</i>
3.9 亿	390,000,000	<i>three hundred and ninety million</i>
5 亿	500,000,000	<i>Five hundred million</i>

Task 8b: *Dare you.....!*

Here's the population of the top five most populated countries in the world plus the UK (as of early 2019). Have a go at putting those numbers in to Chinese. The first one is done for you.

China	1,397,210,000	十三亿九千七百二十一万
India	1,346,840,000	
US	329,153,000	
Indonesia	268,074,600	
Brazil	209,868,000	
UK (ranked 22 nd)	66,040,229	

★	Task 8 complete	
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Task 9 – A Final Challenge (optional)

Film a tasting session of Bubble tea with your friends. Use as much Chinese as you can in it. Send it as an MP4 to your teacher!

Here are a few extra phrases you may find useful:

Have a taste!	尝尝吧!	cháng cháng ba!
The first cup	第一杯	dì yī bēi
Disgusting!	真恶心!	zhēn ě xīn!

Task 10: Reviewing this project

Which tasks in this project did you find most interesting and why? Which tasks were the hardest? Which task did you not enjoy doing and why?

Complete the following three sentences IN CHINESE CHARACTERS. You'll find some useful vocabulary in the box below:

1. 我觉得最有意思的练习是 task number _____

因为 _____

2. 我觉得最难的练习是 task number _____

因为 _____

3. 我不喜欢 task number _____ 因为 _____

task/exercise	练习	liàn xí
difficult	难	nán
interesting	有意思	yǒu yì si
boring	没意思	méi yì si



Your Achievements

Congratulations on completing Year 9 MEP Project 1!

- You now know loads about the global drink craze of Bubble Tea.
- You've learnt lots of new Chinese vocabulary about ingredients and flavours
- You can talk and write in Chinese about your favourite flavours and you can tell someone that you've changed your mind.
- You've learnt more about the environmental issue of single use plastics and know some key words in Chinese on the topic.
- And you've mastered how to talk about big numbers in Chinese!

*If your teacher signs
you off, you will collect
one badge!*