

Tea for Focus

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Tea for focus, in short: this is the one with real evidence. Green tea and matcha pair caffeine with L-theanine, an amino acid that smooths the stimulation into steady, calm alertness, with less jitter and crash than coffee.

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If you want a cup that genuinely helps you concentrate, reach for green tea or matcha. The combination of caffeine and L-theanine is the best-evidenced reason tea suits focused work: alert but calm, without the spikes of strong coffee.

Why caffeine plus L-theanine works

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Tea contains both caffeine and L-theanine. Caffeine lifts alertness; L-theanine takes the rough edges off it, encouraging a relaxed, focused state. Together they support sustained attention better than caffeine alone. See [Wikipedia: theanine](#) and [Wikipedia: caffeine](#).

Best cups for focus

- **Matcha.** Whole-leaf green tea, so a strong dose of both caffeine and L-theanine.
- **Green tea (sencha, gunpowder).** The classic steady-focus cup.
- **Black tea.** More caffeine, less L-theanine, still a good lift.

Getting the dose right

Steady beats spiky. One good cup when you start a task tends to work better than several in quick succession. Keep late-afternoon cups in mind if caffeine affects your sleep.

At a glance

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Tea	For focus
Matcha	Strong caffeine + L-theanine
Green tea	Classic steady focus
Black tea	More caffeine, good lift
Caffeine-free herbals	Little focus effect

FAQ

Best tea for focus? Matcha or green tea, for the caffeine and L-theanine combination.

Is tea better than coffee for concentration? Many find it steadier, with less jitter and crash, thanks to L-theanine.

How much? One good cup at the start of a task; avoid stacking cups.

This is general information, not medical advice.

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Sources

- [Wikipedia: theanine](#)
- [Wikipedia: caffeine](#)

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Shop focus teas: [matcha](#), [green tea](#), the [green tea range](#), or the full [tea shop](#) (free UK postage over £35).

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- [Caffeine half-life by tea type: the new deep-dive](#)

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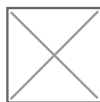
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