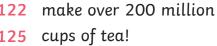
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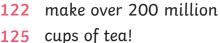
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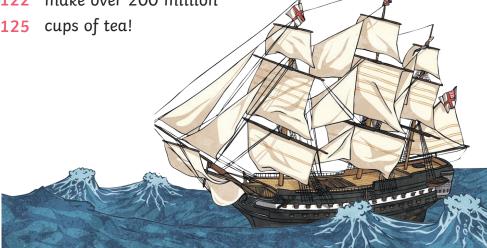




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## Answers



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Accept the answer 'no' with any viable explanation accompanying it, such as 'No because ships today have engines which mean that they can travel faster than ships which just have sails'.



