

Bewley's Oriental Cafés

Fill the gaps with the correct tenses.

1. Bewley's _____ (be) an old Irish tea house chain.
2. The history of the famous Bewley's Oriental Cafés _____ (begin) in 1835 when Charles Bewley _____ (import) over 2000 chests of tea directly from the Chinese province of Canton to Dublin.
3. It _____ (not / look) like a great deal today, but back then it _____ (be) a coup: no man before _____ (dare) to import tea directly into Ireland.
4. Bewley's initiative _____ (put) an end to the East India Trading Company's tea monopoly which before 1835 _____ (force) the Irish to import their tea from London.
5. Samuel Bewley's son Joshua also _____ (become) a tea merchant.
6. Like his father, he _____ (import) tea into Ireland.
7. The Irish _____ (like) the idea of not having to import old tea from London.
8. A tea expert _____ (notice) that even the poorest Irish people _____ (buy) only the finest tea.
9. By the end of the 19th century a tea culture _____ (develop) in Ireland.
10. In 1894, Joshua's son Ernest Bewley _____ (want) to stimulate the market for a product that _____ (be) rather unknown that far: coffee.
11. In the back of his shop in Dublin's George's Street, he _____ (begin) to run coffee making demonstrations.
12. His wife _____ (bake) scones to go with the coffee, and the couple soon _____ (find out) that their idea _____ (be) extremely popular among customers.
13. That _____ (mark) the beginning of the first Bewley's Oriental Café.
14. In Dublin's Grafton Street, Ernest Bewley _____ (open) another Bewley's Oriental Café in 1927, on which he _____ (spend) nearly 60,000 Pound.
15. Still now the interior furnishings and wonderful stain glass _____ (provide) a very special oriental flair.
16. During World War II, Bewley's _____ (must restrict) the supply of tea to an ounce per head, and many customers _____ (switch) to coffee.
17. Today, Bewley's _____ (be) Ireland's leading supplier of quality coffees and teas.
18. It _____ (create) a catering service for larger customers such as Trinity College and it _____ (open) cafés in book stores and Dublin Airport.
19. Bewley's Clipper Gold Tea and Espresso Prima _____ (win) Gold Awards in the London Great Taste Awards