

Riddles 1

Cut up with a pair of scissors and put together in the right order:

The Tea Bag	Americans are quite used to the convenience of packaged products.
Some foreigners, however, are sometimes confused by them.	One day I was having tea at the Palace Cafeteria with a student from another country.
He tore open the little tea bag and emptied the tea into his cup.	I explained that the bag itself was meant to be dipped, unopened, into the water.
He was surprised and thanked me for correcting him.	Then he confidently put an unopened envelope of sugar into his cup of tea.

Vocabulary: to confuse = 'verwirren'; confident = 'zuversichtlich'.

The Bug Letter	A man was travelling in a sleeping car on an American train.
Before going to sleep, he found a bedbug in his blanket.	He was furious and complained to the railway company.
A few days later he got back a long, beautifully written letter.	It said it was the first time anything like this had ever happened.
They would be doing a thorough check of every sleeping car in their trains.	They were truly sorry and really grateful to the man for bringing this to their attention, etc., etc.
As he was reading the letter, a little slip of paper fell out of the envelope and onto the floor.	He picked it up and on it he read the words "Send this bum the bug letter".

Voc.: sleeping car = 'Schlafwagen'; bug = 'Ungeziefer'; to complain = 'sich beschweren'; bum = 'Penner'.