

ENGLISH
Grade 7

Task 1. Chocolate



Would like a piece of chocolate? Most of us enjoy a bar of chocolate – or we like the taste of chocolate in cakes or ice cream. However, not many of us know the history of chocolate. Let's look back in time ...

People first made chocolate 3,000 years ago, in Central America and Mexico. They grew cacao trees and used the beans from the trees to make chocolate. The Aztecs used cacao beans as money, because there were no coins or banknotes then. A turkey cost 100 cacao beans and a piece of fruit cost three beans.

At first, people only used the chocolate to make a drink. They called the drink xocolatl. This means “bitter water” in an Aztec language because cacao beans have a very bitter taste on their own. Later, people used chocolate as an ingredient in various dishes. They believed that chocolate was good for you, so they used chocolate to treat illnesses. They also learnt that chocolate will give you energy if you feel tired.

During the 16th century, Spanish people travelled to Mexico and were introduced to chocolate. They took chocolate home with them and soon people in Europe started to use chocolate, too. At first, only rich people could enjoy chocolate because it was very expensive.

In England, people visited special chocolate shops to drink chocolate drinks. They found out that if you added vanilla and sugar to chocolate, it tastes a lot nicer. In about 1660, a doctor called Hans Sloane made a new drink with chocolate and milk. This drink was popular and tasty, so it was very popular.

Today, chocolate is one of the most popular foods in the world. There are hundreds of different chocolate bars and sweets. We give chocolate as gifts on special occasions. A special treat is chocolate fondue. We heat the chocolate until it melts and then dip fruit into the chocolate. Strawberries are delicious when they are covered in melted chocolate.

There are different kinds of chocolate: dark chocolate, milk chocolate and white chocolate. If you like chocolate, you will be pleased to know that dark chocolate can be healthy. Unlike milk chocolate dark chocolate does not have a lot of milk and sugar in it. Dark chocolate is good for your heart and helps your blood to move around your body. Eating a small amount of dark chocolate every day can even help protect you from some illnesses.

Decide if the statements are True or False.

1. Long ago, people used cacao beans as money. ____
2. Cacao beans have a very sweet taste. ____
3. People learnt that you can get tired if you drink chocolate. ____
4. English people took chocolate to Europe. ____
5. Chocolate wasn't cheap in the 16th century. ____
6. There were special chocolate shops in England. ____
7. Milk chocolate is healthier than dark chocolate. ____
8. A small amount of dark chocolate is good for you. ____

Answer the questions.

9. Where was chocolate first made?

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10. Why did the Aztecs use cacao beans as money?

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11. When did Spanish people travel to Mexico?

_____.

12. Where did people in England drink chocolate?

_____.

13. Why did they add vanilla and sugar to chocolate?

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14. What did Hans Sloane invent in 1690?

_____.

15. What are the three different kinds of chocolate?

_____.

16. Why isn't milk as healthy as dark chocolate?

_____.

Task 2. Circle the correct form.

1. We **have finished** / **finished** our homework. Can we go outside now?
2. When he was six, he **went** / **has gone** to New York.
3. Amy **didn't read** / **hasn't read** the third book in the series yet.
4. **Have you met** / **did you meet** the new science teacher?
5. I **went** / **have been** to London twice in my life.
6. Leo and Fred **didn't know** / **haven't known** the answer so they asked their Dad.
7. **Were you** / **have you been** at home last Friday?
8. Have you spoken to Grandpa today? **Yes, I have.** / **Yes, I did.**

Task 3. Write sentences. Use comparative or superlative adjectives.

E.g. My sister / tall / girl / in her class. My sister is the tallest girl in her class.

1. Teo / old / boy / in the class.

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2. Birds / beautiful / elephants.

_____.

3. Geography lessons / long / French classes.

_____.

4. My school / big / in the town.

_____.

5. My dad / drives / fast / my mum.

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6. February / short / month of the year.

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Task 4. Complete the sentences. Use Past Simple or Past Continuous.

1. I was _____ (paint) when the phone _____ (ring).
2. George _____ (use) a hammer when he _____ (hit) his hand.
3. We _____ (walk) to school when we _____ (see) her.
4. They _____ (eat) breakfast when I _____ (arrive).
5. I _____ (watch) TV when Mum and Dad _____ (come).
6. Penny _____ (help) us when Mum _____ (come) in.
7. Mr. Feathers _____ (get) ready when his friend _____ (ring).
8. Dad _____ (sleep) when the game _____ (finish).
9. Regan _____ (do) homework when the lights _____ (go) out.
10. I _____ (do) shopping when I _____ (meet) my old friend.

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