

Amazing Chocolate!

Time 30-45 minutes
Interaction pairwork
Level B1 (Intermediate) to C1 (Advanced)

Language areas practised

Sub-skills and Functions

- providing reasons and explanations
- speculating

Grammar and Lexis

- passive voice (present simple and continuous, past simple, present perfect and 'will' future)
- food vocabulary
- likes and dislikes

Preparation

Photocopy the Amazing Chocolate handout (1 per pair), and the 10 True/false Answers below (1 set per pair) and cut up as indicated.

Procedure

1. Elicit interest in the topic by writing the fact from the top of the Amazing Chocolate handout on the board, but don't write the number (leave a gap), and see if they can guess! When they do, find out what they think about this and whether they have similar traditions in their country/ies. You may also want to check pronunciation of the word 'chocolate'. While lingua franca pronunciation may have three syllables, in British

English it's usually pronounced with just two, with the second 'o' elided.

2. Give a copy of the Amazing Chocolate handout to each pair, and explain the sentence completion task as described. Check they understand that a variety of passive tenses/forms are required, and also that some sentences do not require passive.

3. As pairs finish, move on to the true/false discussion activity. Encourage any pairs that finish this activity early to compare their ideas.

4. Check the sentence completion task. Answers:

- 2) have eaten 3) is not classified 4) are found 5) is banned
 6) will be damaged/may be damaged 7) invented 8) was once sold 9) is being pumped 10) is grown.

Elicit which ones are not passive (2 and 7).

5. Hand out a set of the true false answers to each pair, and tell them to match each answer to a statement. Answers:

- 1) a 2) j 3) f 4) e 5) i 6) g 7) h 8) d 9) c 10) b.

6. Find out who guessed the most correctly.

7. Tell them to discuss the questions at the bottom of the handout. They may enjoy doing this in small groups rather than pairs. Get feedback and find out who is the biggest **chocoholic** in the class.

True/false Answers

a) True. Cocoa beans were used as currency by the Mayans. Chocolate was also used as payment in the US Revolutionary War.	b) False. Over two thirds of it is grown in Africa and one third is grown in Côte d'Ivoire.	c) True. According to a study from 2013 they are 40% more likely to buy cookbooks or romance novels.	d) False. The most expensive one was sold for only \$687. It had been taken by Captain Scott on his first expedition to the Antarctic.	e) True. The US Food and Drug Administration found that the average bar contains 8 insect parts, usually cockroaches, but it is still considered safe by the FDA.
f) True. White chocolate does not contain any cocoa, making its description as 'chocolate' illegal.	g) True. Chocolate contains theobromine, large quantities of which can cause heart failure.	h) False. Joseph Fry was the first person to press a paste of cocoa and sugar into a bar in 1847.	i) False. We just made this up! Chocolate is legal in every country worldwide. YEAH!	j) False. Chocolate has been drunk for nearly 4000 years, but only eaten for several hundred years.

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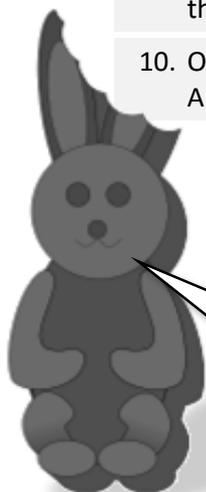
Fact: The average British child eats over 10,000 calories of chocolate every Easter! At this time of year we spend a lot of time thinking about chocolate.

Use one of the following verbs to complete the 10 chocolate facts below. Most require passive voice, but not all (so be careful), and you may need past, present, present perfect or future tenses!

find ban ~~use~~ used invent classify pump damage grow eat sell

Then discuss whether you think the fact is **true** or **false**. Make notes in the column to the right. One example has been completed.

Complete the sentence:	True or false? Why?
1. Chocolate <u>was</u> once <u>used</u> as money.	<i>True. Perhaps by the Mayans or Aztecs?</i>
2. People _____ chocolate for over 3000 years.	
3. White chocolate _____ not _____ as real chocolate by the European Union.	
4. Insect parts _____ in almost every bar of chocolate.	
5. Chocolate _____ in three countries.	
6. Your heart _____ if you eat too much chocolate.	
7. Willy Wonka _____ the first chocolate bar in 1894.	
8. A chocolate bar _____ once _____ at auction for over \$3,000.	
9. People are more likely to buy romantic novels in bookshops where the smell of chocolate _____ into the atmosphere.	
10. Over two thirds of the world's cocoa _____ in South America.	



Your teacher will give you all the answers. Try to match them to the sentences. Then work out how many you got correct.

- What about you? How much chocolate do you eat? When?
- What type of chocolate do you prefer?
- What chocolate traditions do you have in your country?