

What Do You Know About Chocolate?

Discuss It!

Do you like chocolate? Where do you think chocolate comes from?

Does Chocolate Come from the Shop?

We buy chocolate from a shop but chocolate actually comes from cacao beans.



Where Does Chocolate Come From?

- Chocolate comes from cacao pods.
- Cacao pods grow on cacao trees.
 - Cacao trees are grown in large **plantations**, in hot places such as Brazil in South America and Ghana in West Africa.





How Are Cacao Beans Harvested?

After six months of growing, the cacao pods are **<u>ripe</u>** and they are **<u>harvested</u>**.

The cacao pods are split open with a **machete** and the cacao beans are removed.

What Happens to the Cacao Beans?

The beans are covered with banana leaves and left to dry out in the sun for about a week.

The beans are shipped out to chocolate factories all over the world.

How Is Chocolate Made from Cacao Beans?

- In factories, the beans are cleaned and then roasted.
- The shells are cracked and removed and you are left with broken pieces of cacao, called '<u>nibs</u>'.
- The nibs are then ground into a thick **paste**.
- Other ingredients, such as sugar, cocoa butter and milk are added to make the chocolate taste nice.
- The chocolate is poured into a <u>mould</u> and left to set.
- The chocolate is packaged and sent to shops to be sold.

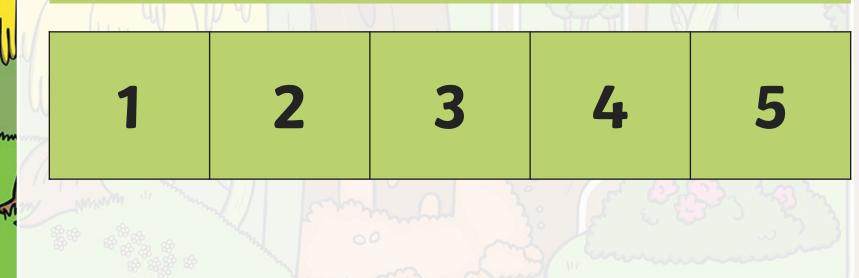


Watch it!

Watch this clip to see how chocolate is produced in a factory.

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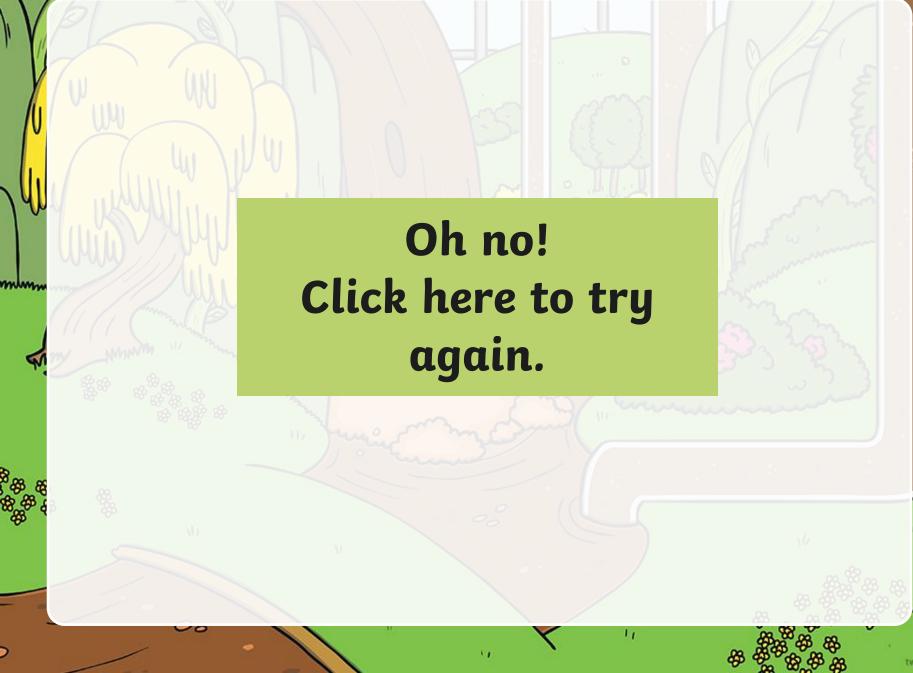


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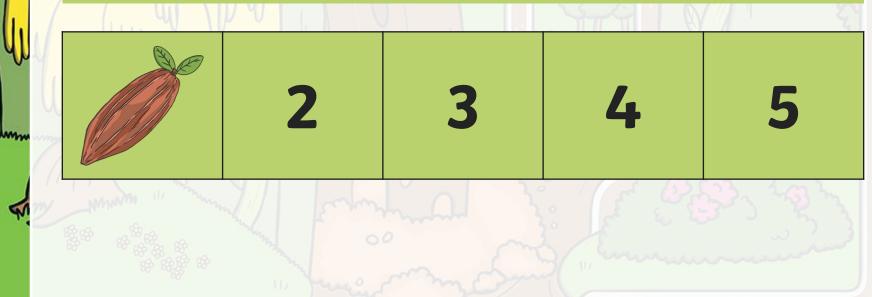


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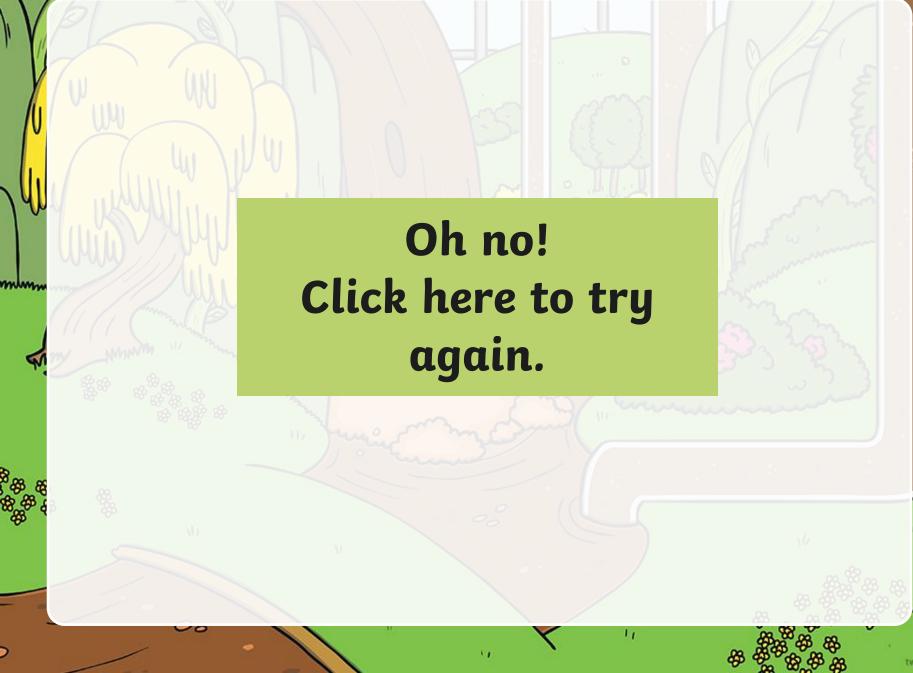


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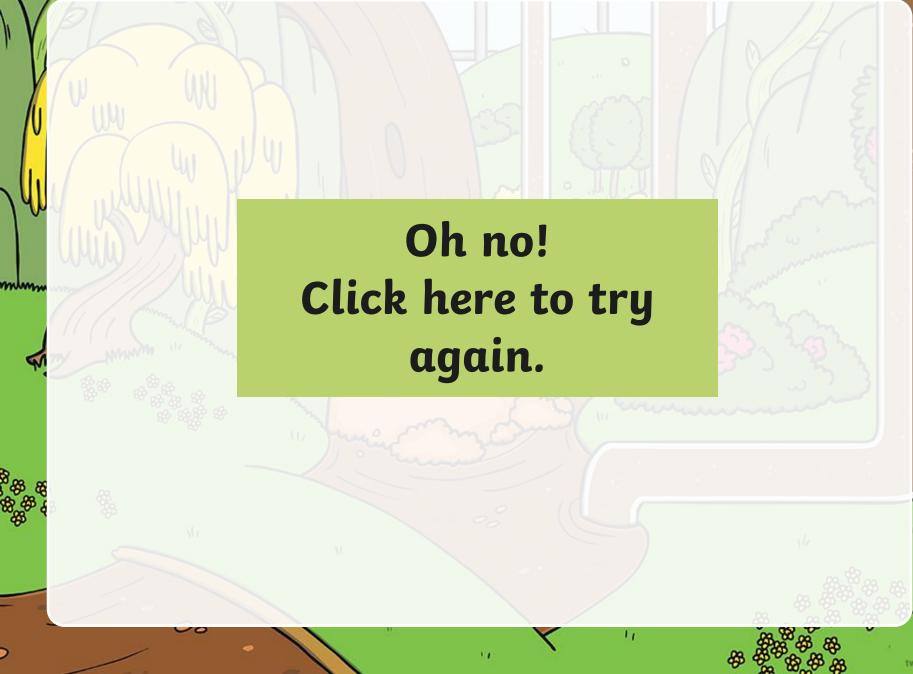
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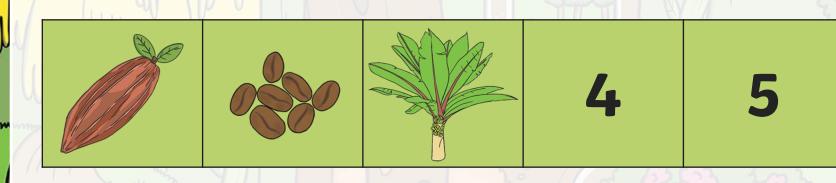
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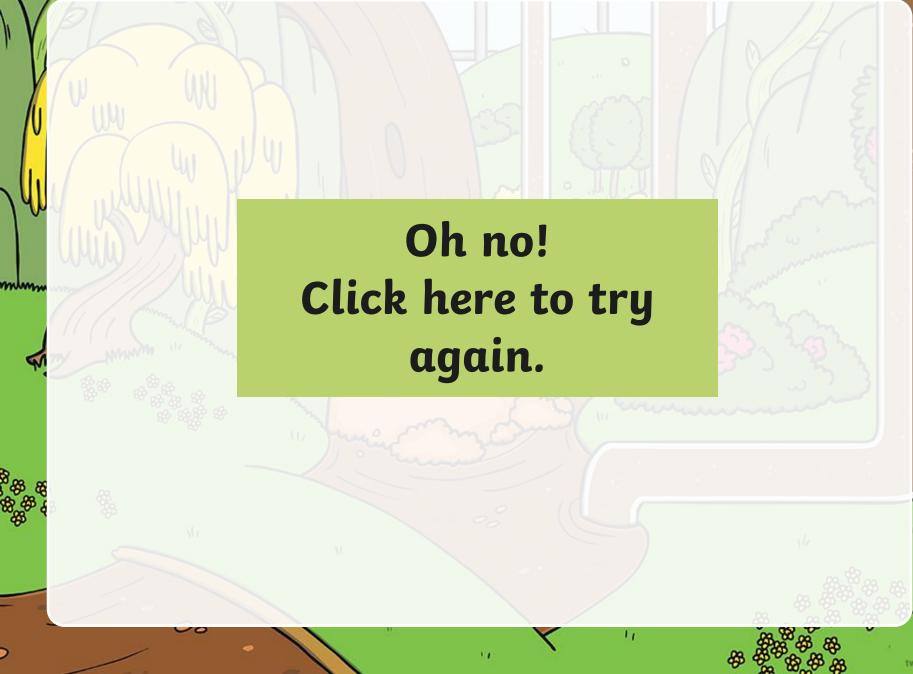




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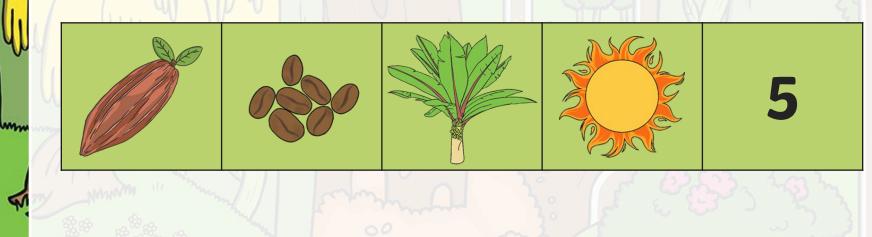
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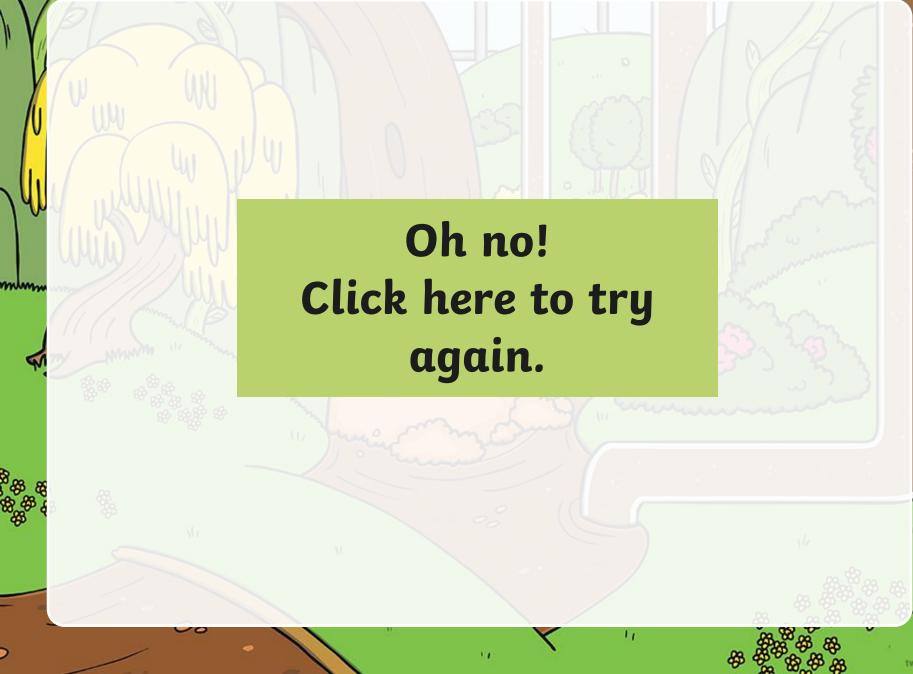
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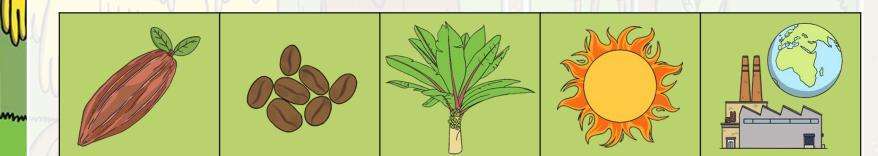


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What Is Chocolate Used For?

Chocolate is used to make lots of delicious foods and drinks.



Discuss It!

Which is your favourite kind of chocolate?

Glossary

harvested - when crops are collected **paste** - a thick, soft, sticky substance machete - a large, heavy knife **plantations** - a large group of plants and trees ripe - ready to be used or eaten nibs - crushed cacao beans **mould** - a hollow container used to give shape to liquid when it cools and hardens

