



# CHOCOLATE

***"There is nothing better than a friend, unless it is a friend with chocolate."***

Linda Grayson, author

## 1. Chocolate Discussion

1. Do you like chocolate?
2. How often do you eat chocolate? Honestly? Are you thinking of eating chocolate right now?
3. What is your favourite type of chocolate?
4. How many different varieties of chocolate, or food that contains chocolate, can you think of?
5. What are the best brands of chocolate in the world?
6. What are some famous chocolate brands from your country?
7. Are there certain types of chocolate that bring back memories of your childhood?
8. Which do you prefer: dark, milk, or white chocolate?

## 2. Chocolate Vocabulary

- **chocoholic** (noun) – *a person who is addicted to chocolate.*
- **hot chocolate** (noun) – *a hot drink made from chocolate.*
- **chocolatier** (noun) – *a person or company that makes chocolate, especially an artisan.*
- **cocoa bean** (noun) – *the beans from a cocoa pod that are the raw ingredient for chocolate.*
- **(as much use as) a chocolate teapot** (saying) – *describes something that is useless.*
- **life is like a box of chocolates** (saying) – *life is unexpected.*

Using the vocabulary words above, complete the following sentences (remember to use the correct form of the word, e.g. verb conjugation or plural noun):

1. A raincoat in the Sahara Desert is **as much use as a chocolate teapot**.
2. I love drinking **hot chocolate** with marshmallows and cream on the top.
3. I think I'm a **chocoholic**. Today, I've eaten a mars bar, a Lindt rabbit and even a Bounty!
4. If you go to Brussels, you'll find a **chocolatier** on every street corner selling handmade luxurious chocolate.
5. **Life is like a box of chocolates**; you never know what you're going to get.
6. To produce chocolate, the **cocoa beans** are first dried, then ground into a paste.

### Chocolate vocabulary comprehension questions

1. Are you a chocoholic? Do you know anybody that is?
2. When do you like to drink hot chocolate?
3. Which countries are famous for their chocolatiers?
4. In which countries are cocoa beans grown?
5. What is as much use as a chocolate teapot?
6. Is life really like a box of chocolates? Why or why not?

### 3. Video: Ethical Chocolate

You are going to watch a video by the Fairtrade Foundation called "The Story of Chocolate: Unwrapping the Bar."

Watch the video here: <https://youenglishpal.com/blog/esl-conversation-lesson-plan-chocolate/>

While you watch the video, answer the following questions:

#### Multiple choice

1. How many chocolate bars does the average British person eat per week?  
**a) 3**                      b) 4                      c) 5
2. How long does it take for a cocoa tree to grow pods?  
a) 3 years                      b) 4 years                      **c) 5 years**
3. Where is most of the cocoa sent to?  
a) America                      **b) Europe**                      c) Asia
4. What has happened to the price of cocoa in recent years?  
a) it decreased slightly    **b) it decreased rapidly**    c) it fluctuated

#### Sentence completion

5. Farmers can use the Fairtrade premium to invest in their **business** or community.
6. One of the advantages of working together in a cooperative is that farmers can share **knowledge** and access training.
7. Studies have shown that when women have access to their own independent income, the rate of **development** for the whole community increases.
8. If **consumers** buy Fairtrade products, cocoa farmers can make a real difference in their communities.

#### Short answer

9. Which basic human right do cocoa farmers deserve? **A living income**
10. How much does a farmer need to be paid per day to cover food, health, education, a decent home and safe water for each member of the household? **\$2.50**
11. Who don't want to be cocoa farmers anymore because it is not profitable? **Young people**
12. The campaign to provide farmers with a living income will only succeed if which people join in as well? **People who love chocolate**

## 4. Chocolate Conversation Questions

1. How is chocolate made? Where does it come from?
2. What are some ethical issues in the production of chocolate?
3. Do you feel happier after you have eaten chocolate? If so, why do you think that is?
4. How does chocolate affect your health?
5. Should the government regulate the amount of chocolate eaten by children? Why or why not?
6. What do you think about the practice of supermarkets that put chocolate on display next to the checkout?
7. Are there any special times of the year when it is traditional to eat chocolate or give it as a gift?
8. Are there any gifts that are more romantic than chocolates?

## 5. Chocolate Writing Task

Write about your opinion of chocolate. Try to use some of the vocabulary you learned earlier in this lesson. In your answer, you could include some of the following topics:

- How chocolate is made.
- Your favourite type of chocolate.
- Ethical issues with the production of chocolate.

### **Alternative exam practice question:**

Cocoa farmers around the world are often paid less than a living wage leading to a life of poverty. Why are cocoa farmers paid so little for their produce? What solutions can you think of to solve this problem?