

# The Sweet that Grows on Trees

## Emergency Lesson Plan

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## Understanding What You Read

Circle the correct word in these sentences about the story.

1. The Mayans put ( hot pepper , mustard ) in their chocolate to make it spicy.
2. Cacao beans are found in ( boxes , pods ) on cacao trees.
3. Pods on cacao trees are the size of a ( football , elephant ) .



## Tell Your Own Story

What is your favorite kind of chocolate? Do you like candy bars? Do you like chocolate ice cream? In a few sentences, describe your favorite form of chocolate and when you get to eat it.

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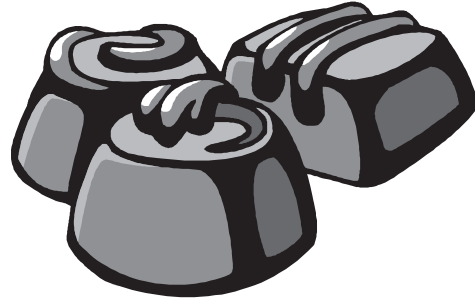
## Vocabulary Builder

Fill in the missing letters in these words from the story.

1. c \_ \_ k e \_ \_

2. \_ \_ e a n \_ \_

3. t r \_ \_ \_



## Figure It Out!

1. It costs \$0.35 to buy a candy bar at the grocery store. How many nickels is this? \_\_\_\_\_

2. It's Halloween and you were given 43 chocolate pieces from the people on your street. Your little brother got only 37 pieces. How many more pieces of chocolate do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

3. A chocolate company makes 300 chocolate bars in an hour. How many bars does this company make in 4 hours?  
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## Word Play

Each of the following words from the story is spelled incorrectly. Correct the spelling of each word. (Hint: look back at the story if you need help.)

1. choclett \_\_\_\_\_

2. froot \_\_\_\_\_

3. spisey \_\_\_\_\_

## Extension Activities:



### Branching Out

- Barbara Barbieri McGrath and Jerry Pallotta have written several books that use chocolate to teach math. Check out *The M&M's® Addition Book* and *The Hershey's Kisses® Subtraction Book* for creative ways to incorporate a tasty treat into your math lesson.
- Have each student design a new kind of candy bar. They can write a description of their bar and design its wrapping. Have the class vote on the best new candy bar.
- Chocolate isn't the only sweet flavor used in cooking. Vanilla, caramel, and butterscotch are only a few other kinds of sweet tastes. Where did they come from? How are they used today?



### Check It Out!

- The Field Museum's All About Chocolate Web page has many fun activities. Try chocolate recipes, work on puzzles, and even make your own chocolate online!  
<http://www.fieldmuseum.org/chocolate/kids.html>
- See how chocolate is made at the Hershey's® Web site. Explore the rest of the site to play games and learn more about the different kinds of chocolate.  
[http://www.hersheys.com/discover/tour\\_video.asp](http://www.hersheys.com/discover/tour_video.asp)
- Play lots of games with your favorite chocolate candies at the M&M's® Web page. You can even direct your own movie! <http://us.mms.com/us/fungames/games/>



### Answer Key

#### Understanding What You Read

1. hot pepper
2. pods
3. football

#### Vocabulary Builder

1. cakes
2. beans
3. tree

#### Figure It Out!

1. 7 nickels
2. 6 pieces
3. 1,200 chocolate bars

#### Word Play

1. chocolate
2. fruit
3. spicy

#### The Sweetest Puzzle

**B**eca**U**se she **W**as  
a "cocoa n**U**t"!