

Global Citizenship File

FAIRTRADE: CHOCOLATE

Fairtrade™



Fairtrade fact file: chocolate



1 What is it?

Shopping connects us with millions of people across the world. These people work on farms and in factories and they make the things we buy. Many of them come from developing countries and big companies don't pay them much money.

Fairtrade companies give people a fair price for the work they do. They help people look after their families and buy the things they need. They also make sure that people work in safe conditions. Sometimes you pay a little bit more for Fairtrade products, but if we pay a bit more, people in other countries will have better lives.



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Chocolate comes from cocoa beans on cocoa trees. Cocoa trees grow in countries with a tropical climate. Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana all grow cocoa beans. Countries like these are often very poor.

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Cocoa farmers. Many farmers earn less than fifty cents a day. They grow their own food, but it's hard for them to pay for other things like medicine and clothes.

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Farmers get more money for their work, so they can buy medicine and send their children to school. Some villages now have access to clean water, too. Farmers also get help and advice about farming. They learn new skills, so they become better farmers.

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- Find Fairtrade chocolate at your local supermarket, then vote with your wallet and buy it!
 - Encourage your friends and family to do the same.
 - Make your school Fairtrade-friendly. Design a poster, or start a petition.
 - Ask for Fairtrade products (not just chocolate!).
- There are more than 3,000 Fairtrade products to choose from!

Key Words

farms	factories
developing country	fair price
tropical climate	vote

Reading

- 1 Read the article quickly. Match the headings (A–E) to the paragraphs (1–5).

- A What is it? 1
- B Who makes it?
- C How does Fairtrade help?
- D What can we do?
- E Where is it from?

PART B

Read the article and the sentences, TRUE OR FALSE (**WRITE T or F in the space**)

- 1 Big companies pay people more money than fairtrade companies . _____
- 2 Fairtrade products are sometimes more expensive than normal products. _____
- 3 countries that grow cocoa beans are usually rich. _____
- 4 cocoa farmers have to pay for their food . _____
- 5 Fairtrade helps farmers improve their work. _____
- 6 there aren't many fairtrade products. _____