

### A Brief History of Chocolate

When most of us hear the word chocolate, we (39) \_\_\_\_\_ a bar, a box of bonbons, or a bunny. The verb that comes to (40) \_\_\_\_\_ is probably “eat”, not “drink”, and the most suited adjective would seem to be “sweet”. But for about 90 percent of chocolate’s long history, it was (41) \_\_\_\_\_ a beverage, and sugar didn’t have anything to do with it.

Etymologists (42) \_\_\_\_\_ the origin of the word “chocolate” to the Aztec word “xocoatl”, which referred to a bitter drink brewed from cacao beans.

Many modern historians have (43) \_\_\_\_\_ that chocolate has been around for about 2000 years, but recent research (44) \_\_\_\_\_ that it may be even older. The earliest evidence of chocolate consumption stretches back three or even four millennia, to pre-Columbian cultures of Mesoamerica such as the Olmec. Last November, anthropologists from the University of Pennsylvania announced the (45) \_\_\_\_\_ of cacao remains on pottery excavated in Honduras that could date back as far as 1400 B.C.

It’s hard to pin down (46) \_\_\_\_\_ when chocolate was born, but it’s clear that it was cherished from the start. For several centuries in pre-modern Latin America, cacao beans were considered (47) \_\_\_\_\_ enough to use as currency. Both the Mayans and Aztecs believed the cacao bean had magical, or even divine, properties, (48) \_\_\_\_\_ for use in the most sacred rituals of birth, marriage and death.

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|----|---|------------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| 39 | A | show       | B | illustrate | C | design    | D | picture   |
| 40 | A | brain      | B | head       | C | mind      | D | memory    |
| 41 | A | strictly   | B | accurately | C | sharply   | D | correctly |
| 42 | A | find       | B | trace      | C | detect    | D | reveal    |
| 43 | A | measured   | B | estimated  | C | valued    | D | examined  |
| 44 | A | suggests   | B | offers     | C | provides  | D | advises   |
| 45 | A | opening    | B | invention  | C | discovery | D | research  |
| 46 | A | absolutely | B | exactly    | C | simply    | D | obviously |
| 47 | A | valuable   | B | profitable | C | wealthy   | D | fruitful  |
| 48 | A | capable    | B | matching   | C | suitable  | D | fitting   |

### Unique Albert Einstein Memorial

This interesting memorial showing Albert Einstein (49) \_\_\_\_\_ on a (50) \_\_\_\_\_ bench of Mount Airy (North Carolina) is present at the National Academy of Sciences, Washington DC. The bronze statue is shown (51) \_\_\_\_\_ a paper with mathematical calculations.

Plus, there is a star map at the (52) \_\_\_\_\_ base decorated with several metal studs representing the sun, moon, stars, planets, and other astronomical objects. It is (53) \_\_\_\_\_ that the astronomers from the U.S. Naval Observatory helped position all these objects accurately.

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| 49 | A | seats       | B | has seated | C | seated        | D | seat         |
| 50 | A | three-steps | B | three-step | C | three-steps'  | D | three-step's |
| 51 | A | holds       | B | holding    | C | has held      | D | held         |
| 52 | A | statue's    | B | statue     | C | statues       | D | statues'     |
| 53 | A | interesting | B | interested | C | interestingly | D | interest     |

The orphaned apes' babies in Indonesia will learn how to make nests, search for food and climb trees in the hope they can (54) \_\_\_\_\_ to the wild. The apes spend all day at the special 'school' area of forest (55) \_\_\_\_\_ by *International Animal Rescue* and even get to spend the night! They (56) \_\_\_\_\_ to experience the same things wild orangutans would do if they (57) \_\_\_\_\_ up in the forest.

Wild animals are not (58) \_\_\_\_\_ to be kept as pets, no matter how cute they may seem. As well as the illegal pet trade, orangutans are under threat from loss of habitat and illegal poaching.

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|----|---|----------------|---|--------------|---|-----------------|---|--------------|
| 54 | A | returning      | B | returned     | C | be returned     | D | be returning |
| 55 | A | creates        | B | creating     | C | having created  | D | created      |
| 56 | A | are encouraged | B | encourage    | C | are encouraging | D | encouraged   |
| 57 | A | would grow     | B | were growing | C | grow            | D | are growing  |
| 58 | A | suitably       | B | suit         | C | suitable        | D | suiting      |