

The dark side of chocolate

Chocolate ¹*makes/is made* from cacao beans. These ²*originally find/were originally found* in South America, and chocolate ³*drank/was drunk* by the Aztecs for hundreds of years, before it ⁴*brought/was brought* to Spain, in the sixteenth century.



Today, Africa ⁵*produces/is produced* most of the world's cacao beans. The beans ⁶*can grow/can be grown* all year round. They ⁷*dry/are dried* in the sun before they ⁸*send/are sent* abroad, where they ⁹*make/are made* into chocolate.

However, there is a dark side to the chocolate trade. In the last few years, African farmers ¹⁰*have found /have been found* it difficult to make money, because they ¹¹*are not paying/are not being paid* much for their product. As a result, many African children ¹²*have sold/ have been sold* to cacao farms as slaves, where they work in terrible conditions. However, more and more customers ¹³*are buying/are being bought* 'fairtrade'* chocolate, and campaigners ¹⁴*hope/are hoped* that working conditions on cacao farms will get better soon.

*'fair trade' companies promise to pay a good price to their producers.