

JAMES WALTHAM - CHOCOLATE TASTER

Read the text and do the multiple choice.

Whenever I tell people what I do for a living, they can hardly believe this job exists. But I'm not joking! I spend my days at work eating chocolate! Tasting the chocolate is an essential part of making sure that customers get perfect bars of high-quality chocolate from the company I work for.

Every week I receive samples, small amounts that show what the chocolate is like, from our factory and I have to check them for taste, texture and smell. I also have to taste the raw materials we usually use—the nuts, fruit and so on. I spend days choosing the most suitable ones to go into the chocolate.

Just beside my company office I have a kitchen where I can test and taste products I make—and I keep my colleagues happy by giving them samples! My kitchen is full of machines and ingredients to play with. It's wonderful to have a private space I can go off to during the day.

No two days are the same in this job. Sometimes I am at our food lab and others I'm out of the country buying our raw materials and as I've got a young family that can be difficult. But that kind of variety, and lack of routine, is something I love about the job, although I think it still comes second to the chocolate itself! The question I get asked most is whether I get bored of chocolate. I've worked with it for a long time, and I've never felt I didn't want to eat it. In fact, I'll often go home and eat some more in the evening!

1 What is James Waltham doing in the text?

- A recommending the best ways to test chocolate
- B describing what personal qualities are needed to do his job.
- C telling readers what makes his job worth doing for him.
- D suggesting different methods of making chocolate

2 James says that when he tells people about his work they

- A Say they would like to do the same thing
- B Doubt whether he is serious
- C Think it must be very easy.
- D Wonder why he chose it as a career.

3 James says that working in his kitchen involves

- A Trying various different preparation methods
- B Checking the quantities of ingredients in each bar
- C Discussing his opinions with other members of staff
- D Making sure the best chocolate making equipment is used

4 What does James think is a disadvantage of his job?

- A He sometimes feels he has eaten too much chocolate
- B He finds it difficult to have a routine with his work
- C He has worked with the same product too long
- D He needs to travel abroad some of the time

5 Which one would be an advert for the chocolate company James works for?

A Every single bar of chocolate that leaves our factory is tested for its taste.

C We're proud of being so environmentally friendly -- all our ingredients are bought from local businesses.

B We choose only the best ingredients - just chocolate beans, sugar and milk. We don't add anything else.

D We check everything that goes into our chocolate, so that you can enjoy the best chocolate possible.