



The history of chocolate

1. Listen to the audio and complete the missing words.

If you can't imagine life without chocolate, you are you
weren't born before the 16th century.

Until then chocolate only in Mesoamerica
in a form quite different from what we know.

As far back as 1900 BCE, the people of that region had learned to prepare the
 of the native cacao tree.

The earliest record tells us the beans were ground and mixed with
and chili peppers to a drink. Not a relaxing cup of
hot cocoa, but a bitter invigorating concoction frothing with foam. As if you
 we make a big deal about chocolate today the
Mesoamericans had us beat.

They that cacao was a heavenly food gifted to humans
by a feathered god known to the Maya as Kukulkan
and to the Aztecs as Quetzacoatl. Aztecs used cacao beans as currency and drank
chocolate at feasts, gave it to
as a reward for success in battle and used it in