

CHOCOLATE

Read the text and choose the correct word for the numbered blanks.

When the Spanish explorer Cortez landed in Mexico in the sixteenth century, he found the people there using a drink they (1) _____ chocolate. It tasted quite strong (2) _____ it had pepper in it. To (3) _____ it taste better, the Spanish added sugar to it. When chocolate first came to Europe in the seventeenth century, people started to drink it with milk, (4) _____ of water. Nowadays, tonnes of chocolate and cocoa are (5) _____ to factories, where they are turned (6) _____ many popular sweets and cakes.

(7) _____ chocolate and cocoa come from the fruit of the cacao tree. Cacao trees (8) _____ only be grown in hot countries, as they need a warm climate. Cacao is an American plant, (9) _____ still grows wild in the northern part of South America. Countries in Central and South America were the first to grow it, but today Africa supplies the world with the most chocolate.

