

# 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.

