

Teacher Guide: 3.3 *A Cocoa Farm*

Decodability	85%
Letter-Sound Focus	vowel teams, ai, ay, ee,ea,ey
Foundations Alignment	Level 1, Unit 9, Week 1
Trick Words and other High Frequency Words	where, come, from, most
Vocabulary and Challenge Words	Chocolate, like, about, cocoa, away, grow, ripe, liquid
Topic Connection	Natural resources and the processes for production
Fo1 Weekly Question	Where do our resources come from?

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Chocolate is a great treat. Do you like chocolate?

You can get chocolate at a shop, but where does chocolate come from?



Do you like chocolate? You can get it at a shop. When you eat it, think about the chocolate farmers far, far away who make this great treat!



When the pods are ripe, farmers cut them off the tree. They mash the beans and turn them into liquid. When the liquid turns hard, it turns into chocolate, like the chocolate bars at the shops!



Chocolate starts as a cocoa bean on a farm, far away from most shops. Most cocoa bean farms are small farms in hot parts of earth.



Cocoa beans grow in pods on trees. On the farm, each person helps the trees—moms, dads, and also kids.



It is not easy to grow cocoa. It needs to be hot. It needs to get lots of rain. It needs to stay away from the wind and from pests. Pests could eat the cocoa pods!