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Level 5 – 23rd August, 2019

It snowed chocolate in a Swiss town

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate-5.html>

Switzerland is world-renowned for its quality chocolate. It has a global reputation for its premium brands. However, residents in a town near Zurich got the surprise of their lives this week. It started snowing chocolate. Locals wondered if the brown dusting was a bizarre result of climate change. All became clear after the local chocolate maker said the brown shower was because of a malfunction at its factory. The chocolate maker confirmed that a minor defect in its cooling systems allowed gusty winds to whip up chocolate dust and sprinkle it over the town.

A fine layer of light brown, milk-chocolate-flavoured dust covered the town. The company offered to pay for any cleaning services required as a result of the accident. A spokeswoman reassured people near the factory that crushed cocoa beans are harmless to health and the environment. She said engineers are working on repairing the technical hitch. The cocoa-dust incident led to a lot of jokes on social media. A Twitter user wrote: "Chocolate snowflakes falling from the sky, dreams do come true." Another tweeter posted a comment saying: "I'm dreaming of a brown Christmas."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. world-renowned for | a. it over the town |
| 2. It has a global | b. climate change |
| 3. got the surprise | c. defect |
| 4. a bizarre result of | d. its quality chocolate |
| 5. because of a malfunction | e. up chocolate dust |
| 6. a minor | f. of their lives |
| 7. allowed gusty winds to whip | g. reputation |
| 8. sprinkle | h. at its factory |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A fine | a. come true |
| 2. The company | b. brown Christmas |
| 3. required as a result | c. technical hitch |
| 4. working on repairing the | d. layer |
| 5. led to a lot of jokes | e. a comment |
| 6. dreams do | f. offered to pay |
| 7. Another tweeter posted | g. on social media |
| 8. I'm dreaming of a | h. of the accident |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Switzerland is world-renowned (1) _____ chocolate. It has (2) _____ for its premium brands. However, residents in a town near Zurich got the (3) _____ lives this week. It started snowing chocolate. Locals wondered if the brown dusting was (4) _____ of climate change. All became clear after the local chocolate maker said the brown shower was because of a (5) _____ factory. The chocolate maker confirmed that a minor defect in its cooling systems allowed gusty winds to whip up chocolate (6) _____ it over the town.

A (7) _____ light brown, milk-chocolate-flavoured dust covered the town. The company (8) _____ for any cleaning services required as a result of the accident. A spokeswoman (9) _____ the factory that crushed cocoa beans are harmless to health and the environment. She said engineers are working on repairing (10) _____. The cocoa-dust incident led to a lot of jokes (11) _____. A Twitter user wrote: "Chocolate snowflakes falling from the sky, dreams do come true." Another tweeter posted a comment saying: "I'm (12) _____ brown Christmas."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CHOCOLATE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about chocolate in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **chocolate** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
