

Year 4 English Test 1

Answers

Reading Comprehension (6 marks)

Chocolate Trees

Wouldn't it be great if chocolate grew on trees? Well, in a way, it does! The main ingredient used to make chocolate comes from the fruit of the cacao tree.



Tree to pods

The fruit, known as cacao pods, grow straight from the tree's trunk. They are oval-shaped like footballs and contain about 30–40 seeds. These seeds are used to make chocolate, but if you were to eat one straight from the pod, it would taste very bitter.

One cacao tree can produce 2000 pods a year, but collecting the pods is a difficult job. Cacao trees are delicate and cannot support a person's weight, so the pods are knocked to the ground using a long stick with a blade attached to one end.

Pods to beans

Once picked, the pod is split open. The seeds, which are covered in a sticky, white pulp, are scooped out and left in piles for about seven days. This helps to improve their flavour. They are then dried out in the sun for another five to seven days to become hard. Once they have reached this stage, the seeds are called cocoa beans.

Beans to chocolate

The cocoa beans are taken to factories where they are processed. Extra ingredients like sugar and milk are added to turn the beans into chocolate.

Cacao trees were originally found only in the warm, tropical rainforests of Central and South America, but as people developed the taste for chocolate, other countries began growing and harvesting large crops of cacao trees. In fact, most of the world's cocoa beans are now produced in West African countries. Depending on which area of the world the cocoa beans are grown, the taste of chocolate is slightly different.

Questions Tick the correct answer

1. People do not climb cacao trees because

- the trees are too tall.
- the trees are easily broken. ←
- the tree trunks are slippery.
- the tree trunks are covered in pods.

2. What happens first?

- The seeds are dried.
- The pods are picked. ←
- The beans are crushed.
- The pulp is scooped out.

3. Most cocoa beans now come from

- Central America.
- South America.
- West Africa. ←
- Australia.

4. At which stage do you get cocoa beans?

- when the pod is opened
- when the pulp is removed
- when the seeds become hard ←
- when the beans are processed

5. Which question is not answered by this text?

- Where did cacao trees first grow?
- What makes cacao seeds taste bitter? ←
- How are cacao pods picked from the trees?
- Why are cacao seeds left in piles for seven days?

6. Ingredients added to the cocoa beans will change the chocolate's flavour. According to the text, what else can affect the chocolate's flavour?

The place where the cocoa beans are grown affects the flavour.

Spelling

(9 marks)

The underlined word is incorrect. Write the correct spelling on the line.

1. I am visiting my friends . *friends*
2. The ball craked the glass. *cracked*
3. My brother is farely good on a skateboard. *fairly*
4. The dog was noisy and barkt a lot. *barked*
5. The twins always sit together. *together*
6. We went to the supamarket to do the shopping. *supermarket*
7. The shop is on the cornor of our street. *corner*
8. There are many deparments in the government. *departments*
9. I will proberbly play tennis tomorrow. *probably*

Language Usage

(20 marks)

1. Which word completes this sentence correctly?

Please put your wet shoes _____ .

- later
- outside ←
- firstly
- before

2. Which word completes this sentence correctly?

My friend _____ like to go camping with us.

- can
- would ←
- always
- maybe

3. Which word completes this sentence correctly?

_____ excited that a new family is moving in next door.

- It's
- That's
- He's ←
- There's

4. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- What a beautiful rainbow! ←
- What time is it.
- Where is my book.
- When the sun shines I wear my hat?

5. Which word in this sentence describes how the snake slithered?

The scaly snake slithered quickly across the hot sand.

- scaly
- quickly ←
- across
- hot

6. Which word completes this sentence correctly?

All the players in the team _____ at the practice yesterday.

- was
- been
- were ←
- are

7. Which word or words complete this sentence correctly?

We _____ come but the road was closed.

- would have ←
- could not
- did not
- will

8. Which word in this sentence is a noun?

The playground is noisy.

- The
- playground ←
- is
- noisy

9. Which sentence contains a word that is missing a capital letter?

- Dad took me to see the nurse.
- We had a picnic near the waterfall.
- They are looking after an injured kitten.
- My new pup is called buddy. ←

10. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- "Bring your sneakers, Joe said, and we will go for a walk."
- Bring your sneakers, "Joe said," and we will go for a walk.
- "Bring your sneakers," Joe said, "and we will go for a walk." ←
- Bring your sneakers," Joe said, "and we will go for a walk.

11. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- I asked Mum if I could ride my bike?
- The teacher asked me if I rode my bike to school?
- Mum said that I can ride my bike to school?
- Can I ride my bike to school tomorrow? ←

12. Which sentence is written in the past tense?

- The tree blew over in the wind. ←
- The apples are ready to pick.
- There is a very old building in our street.
- We play handball every Saturday

13. What does the pronoun *them* refer to in this sentence?

The children decorated pots for their mothers and then they planted flowers in them.

- children
- pots ←
- mothers
- flowers

14. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- My uncle love's horse riding.
- He get's up early every day to ride.
- Sometimes he let's me brush the horse.
- My uncle's riding in the show next month. ←

15. Which word in this sentence is used as an adjective?

The next bus to the city will get him there on time.

- next ←
- bus
- city
- time

16. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- Il'l take a sandwich for lunch.
- He said he'd love to come. ←
- Whats' for lunch?
- Tomorrow wer'e going to the park.

