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Level 4 – 23rd August, 2020

It snowed chocolate in a Swiss town

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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

Switzerland is famous for its quality chocolate brands. However, residents in a town near Zurich got a big surprise this week. It started snowing chocolate. Locals wondered if this was a bizarre result of climate change. The local chocolate maker said the brown "snow" was because of a minor defect in cooling systems at its factory. Cocoa dust escaped and strong winds whipped up the chocolate and sprinkled it over the town.

A thin layer of light brown dust covered the town. The company offered to pay for any cleaning because of the accident. A spokeswoman said crushed cocoa beans are harmless to health and the environment. She said engineers were fixing the technical problem. This incident led to many jokes on social media. One wrote: "Chocolate snowflakes falling from the sky, dreams do come true." Another said: "I'm dreaming of a brown Christmas."

Sources: <https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/lindt-spruengli-chocolate-snow-switzerland-221326509.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. famous for its quality | a. over the town |
| 2. residents in a | b. systems |
| 3. a bizarre result | c. chocolate brands |
| 4. a minor | d. up the chocolate |
| 5. cooling | e. of climate change |
| 6. Cocoa dust | f. defect |
| 7. strong winds whipped | g. escaped |
| 8. sprinkled it | h. town near Zurich |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. A thin layer | a. come true |
| 2. The company offered | b. health |
| 3. crushed | c. brown Christmas |
| 4. harmless to | d. falling from the sky |
| 5. engineers were fixing the | e. cocoa beans |
| 6. Chocolate snowflakes | f. of light brown dust |
| 7. dreams do | g. to pay |
| 8. dreaming of a | h. technical problem |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Switzerland is famous (1) _____ chocolate brands.

However, (2) _____ town near Zurich got a big surprise

this week. It started snowing chocolate. (3) _____ this

was a (4) _____ climate change. The local chocolate

maker said the brown "snow" was because of (5) _____

in cooling systems at its factory. Cocoa dust escaped and strong winds

whipped up the chocolate and (6) _____ the town.

A (7) _____ light brown dust covered the town. The

company (8) _____ for any cleaning because (9)

_____. A spokeswoman said crushed cocoa beans are

harmless to health and the environment. She said (10)

_____ the technical problem. This incident led to many

(11) _____ media. One wrote: "Chocolate snowflakes

falling from the sky, dreams (12) _____." Another said:

"I'm dreaming of a brown Christmas."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CHOCOLATE SURVEY

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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.
