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Climate change increases price of Easter eggs

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs.html>

This year's Easter eggs will be much more expensive than last year's. The reason is climate change. Extreme weather patterns have made growing cocoa more challenging. Cocoa beans are used to make chocolate. Around 70 per cent of the world's cocoa beans are grown in West Africa. Recent heatwaves, droughts and heavy rain in Ghana and the Ivory Coast have greatly reduced the amount of cocoa beans grown. Temperatures have been four degrees higher than normal. The Reuters news agency said cocoa prices have more than doubled compared to this time last year. Amber Sawyer, an energy and climate analyst, said farmers in West Africa were, "struggling in the face of both extreme heat and rainfall".

Chocolate eggs are given as gifts for the Christian holiday of Easter, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Traditionally, people dyed and painted chicken eggs. Wikipedia says chocolate eggs first appeared at the court of Louis XIV in France in 1725. In 1873, the English chocolate company J.S. Fry produced the first hollow chocolate egg, similar to the ones people give today. Wikipedia says: "In Western cultures, the giving of chocolate eggs is now commonplace, with 80 million Easter eggs sold in the UK alone." However, climate change is making it more difficult to grow the cocoa beans. Climate analysts say we need to do more to reduce fossil fuel emissions if we want a steady supply of cocoa and chocolate.

Sources: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter_egg
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WARM-UPS

1. EASTER EGGS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Easter eggs. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Easter / eggs / climate change / weather patterns / cocoa beans / chocolate / drought gifts / the resurrection of Jesus / chicken eggs / Western culture / fossil fuel emissions

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. CHOCOLATE: Students A **strongly** believe chocolate is very, very, very important; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. GIFTS: What are the good and bad things about these gifts? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | Good Things | Bad Things |
|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Chocolates | | |
| Flowers | | |
| Books | | |
| Gift voucher | | |
| Jewellery | | |
| A sweater | | |

5. WEATHER: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "weather". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. INGREDIENTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best dessert ingredients at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Chocolate
- Strawberries
- Milk
- Cheese
- Sugar
- Eggs
- Nuts
- Beans

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. reason | a. Difficult or requiring effort to do. |
| 2. extreme | b. How hot or cold something is. |
| 3. challenging | c. The cause or explanation for something. |
| 4. heatwave | d. Very intense or severe; at the farthest end of a scale. |
| 5. drought | e. A period of unusually very hot weather |
| 6. temperature | f. A long period of time with little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water. |
| 7. struggling | g. Having difficulty or facing challenges. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. gift | h. Having a hole or empty space inside. |
| 9. celebrate | i. Something given to someone, often as a present. |
| 10. resurrection | j. Changed the color of something by using plant leaves or chemicals. |
| 11. dyed | k. Something that happens often or is ordinary. |
| 12. hollow | l. Do something special for a happy event or occasion. |
| 13. commonplace | m. Things we use for energy, such as coal, oil, and natural gas, that come from the remains of ancient plants and animals |
| 14. fossil fuel | n. The act of coming back to life after death. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. This year's Easter eggs will be 10 times more expensive than last year's. **T / F**
2. Around 70% of the world's cocoa is grown in Ghana. **T / F**
3. West Africa has been hit by heatwaves and heavy rain. **T / F**
4. A news agency said cocoa prices have doubled since last year. **T / F**
5. People traditionally painted goose and duck eggs for Easter. **T / F**
6. The first chocolate eggs were made in France in the 18th century. **T / F**
7. Around 80 million Easter eggs are sold in the United Kingdom. **T / F**
8. The article says we need to cut fossil fuel emissions to have chocolate. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. expensive | a. increased twofold |
| 2. challenging | b. coloured |
| 3. normal | c. serious |
| 4. doubled | d. farm |
| 5. extreme | e. difficult |
| 6. gifts | f. stable |
| 7. dyed | g. costly |
| 8. grow | h. cut |
| 9. reduce | i. presents |
| 10. steady | j. usual |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. Easter eggs will be much more | a. now commonplace |
| 2. Extreme weather | b. and heavy rain |
| 3. Cocoa beans are | c. fuel emissions |
| 4. heatwaves, droughts | d. patterns |
| 5. cocoa prices have more than | e. of cocoa |
| 6. Easter, which celebrates the resurrection | f. people give today |
| 7. similar to the ones | g. expensive than last year's |
| 8. the giving of chocolate eggs is | h. of Jesus |
| 9. we need to do more to reduce fossil | i. used to make chocolate |
| 10. if we want a steady supply | j. doubled |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs.html>

This year's Easter eggs will be much more (1) _____ than last year's. The reason is climate change. Extreme weather patterns have made growing cocoa more (2) _____. Cocoa beans are used to make chocolate. Around 70 per cent of the world's cocoa beans are (3) _____ in West Africa. Recent heatwaves, droughts and (4) _____ rain in Ghana and the Ivory Coast have greatly reduced the amount of cocoa beans grown. Temperatures have been four degrees higher than (5) _____. The Reuters news agency said cocoa prices have more than (6) _____ compared to this time last year. Amber Sawyer, an energy and climate (7) _____, said farmers in West Africa were, "struggling in the face of both extreme heat and (8) _____".

normal
challenging
rainfall
expensive
doubled
heavy
analyst
grown

Chocolate eggs are given as (9) _____ for the Christian holiday of Easter, which (10) _____ the resurrection of Jesus. Traditionally, people (11) _____ and painted chicken eggs. Wikipedia says chocolate eggs first appeared at the court of Louis XIV in France in 1725. In 1873, the English chocolate (12) _____ J.S. Fry produced the first hollow chocolate egg, similar to the ones people give today. Wikipedia says: "In Western (13) _____, the giving of chocolate eggs is now (14) _____, with 80 million Easter eggs sold in the UK alone." However, climate change is (15) _____ it more difficult to grow the cocoa beans. Climate analysts say we need to do more to reduce (16) _____ fuel emissions if we want a steady supply of cocoa and chocolate.

company
gifts
fossil
dyed
commonplace
celebrates
making
cultures

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs.html>

- 1) This year's Easter eggs will be much more expensive _____
 - a. than last year's
 - b. than last years
 - c. than last yearly
 - d. than last yearn
- 2) Extreme weather patterns have made growing _____
 - a. cocoa more challenge in
 - b. cocoa more challenge gin
 - c. cocoa more challenger
 - d. cocoa more challenging
- 3) droughts and heavy rain in Ghana and the Ivory Coast have greatly reduced the _____
 - a. a mount of cocoa
 - b. mount of cocoa
 - c. mountain of cocoa
 - d. amount of cocoa
- 4) The Reuters news agency said cocoa prices have _____
 - a. more than doublet
 - b. more than doubled
 - c. more than doubles
 - d. more than double
- 5) farmers in West Africa were struggling in the face of both extreme _____
 - a. heat and rainy fall
 - b. heat and rain fell
 - c. heat and rainfall
 - d. heat and rains fall
- 6) Traditionally, people dyed and _____
 - a. pointed chicken eggs
 - b. panted chicken eggs
 - c. punted chicken eggs
 - d. painted chicken eggs
- 7) In 1873, the English chocolate company J.S. Fry produced the first _____
 - a. halo chocolate egg
 - b. hello chocolate egg
 - c. hollow chocolate egg
 - d. holy chocolate egg
- 8) is now commonplace, with 80 million Easter eggs sold in _____
 - a. the UK all one
 - b. the UK a lone
 - c. the UK a loner
 - d. the UK alone
- 9) However, climate change is making it more _____
 - a. difficult to grow
 - b. difficult to grown
 - c. difficult to grows
 - d. difficult to grower
- 10) reduce fossil fuel emissions if we want a steady _____
 - a. supply off cocoa
 - b. supply oft cocoa
 - c. supply of cocoa
 - d. supply if cocoa

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Chocolate eggs are (7) _____ for the Christian holiday of Easter, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Traditionally, (8) _____ painted chicken eggs. Wikipedia says chocolate eggs first appeared at the court of Louis XIV in France in 1725. In 1873, the English chocolate company J.S. Fry produced (9) _____ chocolate egg, similar to the ones people give today. Wikipedia says: "In Western cultures, the giving of chocolate eggs (10) _____, with 80 million Easter eggs sold in the UK alone." However, climate change is making it more (11) _____ the cocoa beans. Climate analysts say we need to do more to reduce fossil fuel emissions if we want a (12) _____ cocoa and chocolate.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs.html>

1. What kind of patterns have made cocoa farming more challenging?
2. How much of the world's cocoa is grown in West Africa?
3. How much warmer than usual has West Africa been?
4. By how much have cocoa prices risen in the past year?
5. What is causing West African cocoa farmers to struggle?
6. What did people traditionally do to chicken eggs?
7. When was the first chocolate egg created?
8. What did an English company called J.S. Fry create for the first time?
9. Where is it commonplace for people to give Easter eggs?
10. What do we need to cut to make sure we have a supply of cocoa?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs.html>

- 1) What kind of patterns have made cocoa farming more challenging?
 - a) pretty patterns
 - b) extreme weather patterns
 - c) scary patterns
 - d) patterns like puddles
- 2) How much of the world's cocoa is grown in West Africa?
 - a) just under 70%
 - b) exactly 70%
 - c) around 70%
 - d) just over 70%
- 3) How much warmer than usual has West Africa been?
 - a) 14 degrees warmer
 - b) a lot warmer
 - c) 0.4 degrees warmer
 - d) four degrees
- 4) By how much have cocoa prices risen in the past year?
 - a) They have trebled.
 - b) They have doubled.
 - c) They have quadrupled.
 - d) They have halved.
- 5) What is causing West African cocoa farmers to struggle?
 - a) extreme heat and rainfall
 - b) low prices
 - c) a lack of equipment
 - d) a lack of demand
- 6) What did people traditionally do to chicken eggs?
 - a) dye and paint them
 - b) fry and eat them
 - c) try and freeze them
 - d) dry and decorate them
- 7) When was the first chocolate egg created?
 - a) 1275
 - b) 1752
 - c) 1527
 - d) 1725
- 8) What did an English company called J.S. Fry create for the first time?
 - a) cocoa powder
 - b) a cream egg
 - c) a hollow chocolate egg
 - d) milk chocolate
- 9) Where is it commonplace for people to give Easter eggs?
 - a) in northern Europe
 - b) in churches
 - c) in parks
 - d) in Western cultures
- 10) What do we need to cut to make sure we have a supply of cocoa?
 - a) calories
 - b) fossil fuel emissions
 - c) trees
 - d) costs

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Chocolate

You think chocolate is the most important ingredient of desserts. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ingredients aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): strawberries, nuts or beans.

Role B – Strawberries

You think strawberries are the most important ingredient of desserts. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ingredients aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): chocolate, nuts or beans.

Role C – Nuts

You think nuts are the most important ingredient of desserts. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ingredients aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): strawberries, chocolate or beans.

Role D – Beans

You think beans are the most important ingredient of desserts. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ingredients aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): strawberries, nuts or chocolate.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'chocolate' and 'egg'.

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| chocolate | egg |
|------------------|------------|

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• much• 70• heavy• four• doubled• face | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• gifts• dyed• 1873• now• difficult• reduce |
|---|--|

EASTER EGGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Easter eggs 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.

EASTER EGGS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'chocolate'?
3. What do you know about Easter?
4. What do you know about cocoa?
5. How important is chocolate to you?
6. How worried are you about climate change?
7. What are your chocolate eating habits?
8. What food prices are worrying you?
9. How difficult is it to be a farmer?
10. What do you think of extreme weather?

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EASTER EGGS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'egg'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of giving chocolate eggs as gifts?
15. Are painted or chocolate eggs best?
16. What are your favourite religious celebrations?
17. What can you do with chocolate?
18. How can we reduce fossil fuel emissions?
19. What would life be like without chocolate?
20. What questions would you like to ask cocoa growers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) many | (b) much | (c) most | (d) some |
| 2. | (a) textures | (b) patterns | (c) designs | (d) shapes |
| 3. | (a) grower | (b) grows | (c) growth | (d) grown |
| 4. | (a) so | (b) greatly | (c) real | (d) many |
| 5. | (a) twice | (b) dueled | (c) duo | (d) doubled |
| 6. | (a) head | (b) body | (c) face | (d) skull |
| 7. | (a) as | (b) was | (c) has | (d) ease |
| 8. | (a) dread | (b) died | (c) dyed | (d) dared |
| 9. | (a) one | (b) once | (c) only | (d) ones |
| 10. | (a) alone | (b) lone | (c) lonely | (d) loner |
| 11. | (a) it | (b) sweets | (c) bars | (d) them |
| 12. | (a) steady | (b) hollow | (c) balance | (d) demand |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. mxrete weather patterns
2. heatwaves, rouhdtsg and heavy rain
3. prices have more than odebuld
4. four eeersdg higher than normal
5. an energy and climate ansalty
6. farmers in West Africa were ilrngtugsg

Paragraph 2

7. eelcarebts the resurrection of Jesus
8. people dedy and painted chicken eggs
9. the first wlolho chocolate egg
10. the giving of chocolate eggs is now nloccpmoaem
11. reduce fossil fuel emnisisso
12. a steady plsupy of cocoa

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () at the court of Louis XIV in France in 1725. In 1873, the English chocolate company J.S. Fry produced the first hollow
- () chocolate egg, similar to the ones people give today. Wikipedia says: "In Western cultures, the giving
- () of chocolate eggs is now commonplace, with 80 million Easter eggs sold
- () in the UK alone." However, climate change is making it more difficult to grow the cocoa beans. Climate analysts
- () been four degrees higher than normal. The Reuters news agency said cocoa prices have more than
- () 70 per cent of the world's cocoa beans are grown in West Africa. Recent heatwaves, droughts and heavy
- () patterns have made growing cocoa more challenging. Cocoa beans are used to make chocolate. Around
- () say we need to do more to reduce fossil fuel emissions if we want a steady supply of cocoa and chocolate.
- () analyst, said farmers in West Africa were, "struggling in the face of both extreme heat and rainfall".
- () rain in Ghana and the Ivory Coast have greatly reduced the amount of cocoa beans grown. Temperatures have
- () doubled compared to this time last year. Amber Sawyer, an energy and climate
- () of Jesus. Traditionally, people dyed and painted chicken eggs. Wikipedia says chocolate eggs first appeared
- () Chocolate eggs are given as gifts for the Christian holiday of Easter, which celebrates the resurrection
- (**1**) This year's Easter eggs will be much more expensive than last year's. The reason is climate change. Extreme weather

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs.html>

1. expensive than be year's . will Eggs last more
2. made cocoa more Weather patterns have growing challenging .
3. to make beans Cocoa are used chocolate .
4. than have four degrees Temperatures been higher normal .
5. doubled . than said more Reuters have cocoa prices
6. very the chocolate egg . Fry first produced hollow
7. people today . ones the similar give to They're
8. eggs giving The is commonplace . chocolate now of
9. reduce emissions . to more Do fossil fuel
10. cocoa . a steady If we supply want of

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs.html>

This year's Easter eggs will be *much* / *many* more expensive than last year's. The reason is climate change. Extreme weather *pattern* / *patterns* have made growing cocoa more *challenge* / *challenging*. Cocoa beans are used to make chocolate. Around 70 per cent *of* / *in* the world's cocoa beans are *grown* / *growth* in West Africa. Recent heatwaves, *draughts* / *droughts* and heavy rain in Ghana and the Ivory Coast have greatly reduced the amount of cocoa beans grown. Temperatures have *been* / *being* four degrees higher than *normally* / *normal*. The Reuters news agency said cocoa prices have more than *double* / *doubled* compared to this time last year. Amber Sawyer, an energy and climate analyst, said farmers in West Africa were, "struggling in the *head* / *face* of both extreme heat and rainfall".

Chocolate eggs are given as *gift* / *gifts* for the Christian holiday of Easter, which celebrates the resurrection *of* / *on* Jesus. Traditionally, people *dyed* / *died* and painted chicken eggs. Wikipedia says chocolate eggs first appeared at the *court* / *garden* of Louis XIV in France in 1725. In 1873, the English chocolate company J.S. Fry produced the first *culture* / *hollow* chocolate egg, similar to the ones people give today. Wikipedia says: "In Western cultures, the *giving* / *given* of chocolate eggs is now commonplace, with 80 million Easter eggs sold in the UK *lonely* / *alone*." However, climate change is making it more difficult to *eat* / *grow* the cocoa beans. Climate analysts *speak* / *say* we need to do more to reduce fossil fuel emissions if we want a steady *supply* / *bar* of cocoa and chocolate.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_s y__r's __st_r _ggs w_ll b_ m_ch m_r_ _xp_ns_v_ th_n l_st y__r's. Th_ r__s_n _s cl_m_t_ ch_ng_. _xtr_m_ w__th_r p_tt_rns h_v_ m_d_ gr_w_ng c_c__ m_r_ ch_ll_ng_ng. C_c__ b__ns _r_ _s_d t_ m_k_ ch_c_l_t_. _r__nd 70 p_r c_nt _f th_ w_rld's c_c__ b__ns _r_ gr_wn _n W_st _fr_c_. R_c_nt h__tw_v_s, dr__ghts _nd h__vy r__n _n Gh_n_ _nd th_ _v_ry C__st h_v_ gr__tly r_d_c_d th_ _m__nt _f c_c__ b__ns gr_wn. T_mp_r_t_r_s h_v_ b__n f__r d_gr__s h_gh_r th_n n_rm_l. Th_ R__t_rs n_ws _g_ncy s__d c_c__ pr_c_s h_v_ m_r_ th_n d__bl_d c_mpr_d t_ th_s t_m_ l_st y__r. _mb_r S_wy_r, _n _n_rgy _nd cl_m_t_ _n_lyst, s__d f_rm_rs _n W_st _fr_c_ w_r_, "str_ggl_ng _n th_ f_c_ _f b_th _xtr_m_ h__t _nd r__nf_ll".

Ch_c_l_t_ _ggs _r_ g_v_n _s g_fts f_r th_ Chr_st__n h_l_d_y _f __st_r, wh_ch c_l_br_t_s th_ r_s_rr_ct__n _f J_s_s. Tr_d_t__n_lly, p__pl_ dy_d _nd p__nt_d ch_ck_n _ggs. W_k_p_d__ s_ys ch_c_l_t_ _ggs f_rst _pp__r_d _t th_ c__rt _f L__s X_V _n Fr_nc_ _n 1725. _n 1873, th_ _ngl_sh ch_c_l_t_ c_mpn_y J.S. Fry pr_d_c_d th_ f_rst h_ll_w ch_c_l_t_ _gg, s_m_l_r t_ th_ _n_s p__pl_ g_v_ t_d_y. W_k_p_d__ s_ys: "_n W_st_rn c_ltr_s, th_ g_v_ng _f ch_c_l_t_ _ggs _s n_w c_mm_npl_c_, w_th 80 m_ll__n __st_r _ggs s_ld _n th_ _K _l_n_." H_w_v_r, cl_m_t_ ch_ng_ _s m_k_ng _t m_r_ d_ff_c_l_t t_ gr_w th_ c_c__ b__ns. Cl_m_t_ _n_lysts s_y w_ n__d t_ d_ m_r_ t_ r_d_c_ f_ss_l f__l _m_ss__ns _f w_ w_nt _ st__dy s_pply _f c_c__ _nd ch_c_l_t_.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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this years easter eggs will be much more expensive than last years the reason is climate change extreme weather patterns have made growing cocoa more challenging cocoa beans are used to make chocolate around 70 per cent of the worlds cocoa beans are grown in west africa recent heatwaves droughts and heavy rain in ghana and the ivory coast have greatly reduced the amount of cocoa beans grown temperatures have been four degrees higher than normal the reuters news agency said cocoa prices have more than doubled compared to this time last year amber sawyer an energy and climate analyst said farmers in west africa were struggling in the face of both extreme heat and rainfall

chocolate eggs are given as gifts for the christian holiday of easter which celebrates the resurrection of jesus traditionally people dyed and painted chicken eggs wikipedia says chocolate eggs first appeared at the court of louis xiv in france in 1725 in 1873 the english chocolate company js fry produced the first hollow chocolate egg similar to the ones people give today wikipedia says in western cultures the giving of chocolate eggs is now commonplace with 80 million easter eggs sold in the uk alone however climate change is making it more difficult to grow the cocoa beans climate analysts say we need to do more to reduce fossil fuel emissions if we want a steady supply of cocoa and chocolate

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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This year's Easter eggs will be much more expensive than last year's. The reason is climate change. Extreme weather patterns have made growing cocoa more challenging. Cocoa beans are used to make chocolate. Around 70 percent of the world's cocoa beans are grown in West Africa. Recent heatwaves, droughts and heavy rain in Ghana and the Ivory Coast have greatly reduced the amount of cocoa beans grown. Temperatures have been four degrees higher than normal. The Reuters news agency said cocoa prices have more than doubled compared to this time last year. Amber Sawyer, an energy and climate analyst, said farmers in West Africa were, "struggling in the face of both extreme heat and rain". Chocolate eggs are given as gifts for the Christian holiday of Easter, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Traditionally, people dyed and painted chicken eggs. Wikipedia says chocolate eggs first appeared at the court of Louis XIV in France in 1725. In 1873, the English chocolate company J.S. Fry produced the first hollow chocolate egg, similar to the ones people give today. Wikipedia says: "In Western cultures, the giving of chocolate eggs is now common place, with 80 million Easter eggs sold in the UK alone." However, climate change is making it more difficult to grow the cocoa beans. Climate analysts say we need to do more to reduce fossil fuel emissions if we want to avoid a supply of cocoa and chocolate.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. EASTER EGGS: Make a poster about Easter eggs. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. COCOA BEANS: Write a magazine article about switching from growing cocoa beans to growing crops more important for human life. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Easter eggs. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on chocolate eggs and chocolate. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. a 4. e 5. f 6. b 7. g
8. i 9. l 10. n 11. j 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. g | 2. e | 3. j | 4. a | 5. c |
| 6. i | 7. b | 8. d | 9. h | 10. f |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Extreme weather patterns
2. Around 70%
3. Four degrees
4. They have doubled
5. Extreme heat and rainfall
6. Dye and paint them
7. 1725
8. A hollow chocolate egg
9. In Western cultures
10. Fossil fuel emissions

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Eggs will be more expensive than last year's.
2. Weather patterns have made growing cocoa more challenging.
3. Cocoa beans are used to make chocolate.
4. Temperatures have been four degrees higher than normal.
5. Reuters said cocoa prices have more than doubled.
6. Fry produced the very first hollow chocolate egg.
7. They're similar to the ones people give today.
8. The giving of chocolate eggs is now commonplace.
9. Do more to reduce fossil fuel emissions.
10. If we want a steady supply of cocoa.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. d 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)