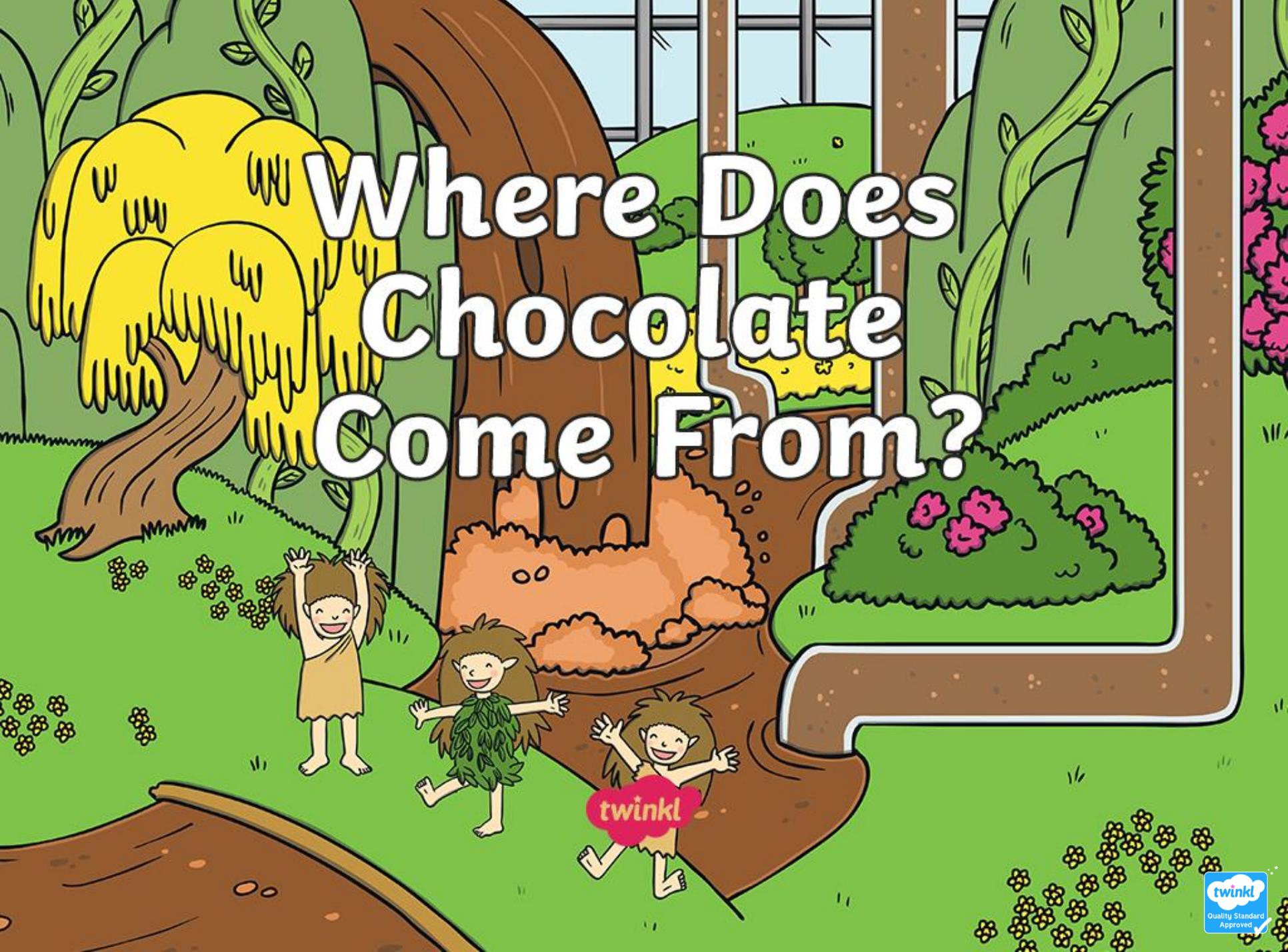
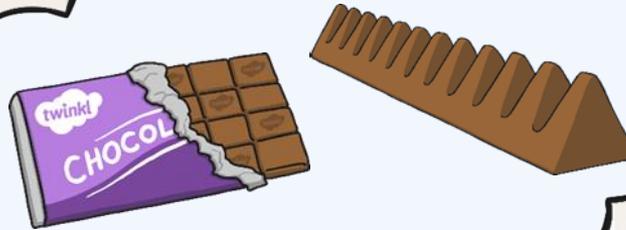


Where Does Chocolate Come From?



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What Do You Know About Chocolate?



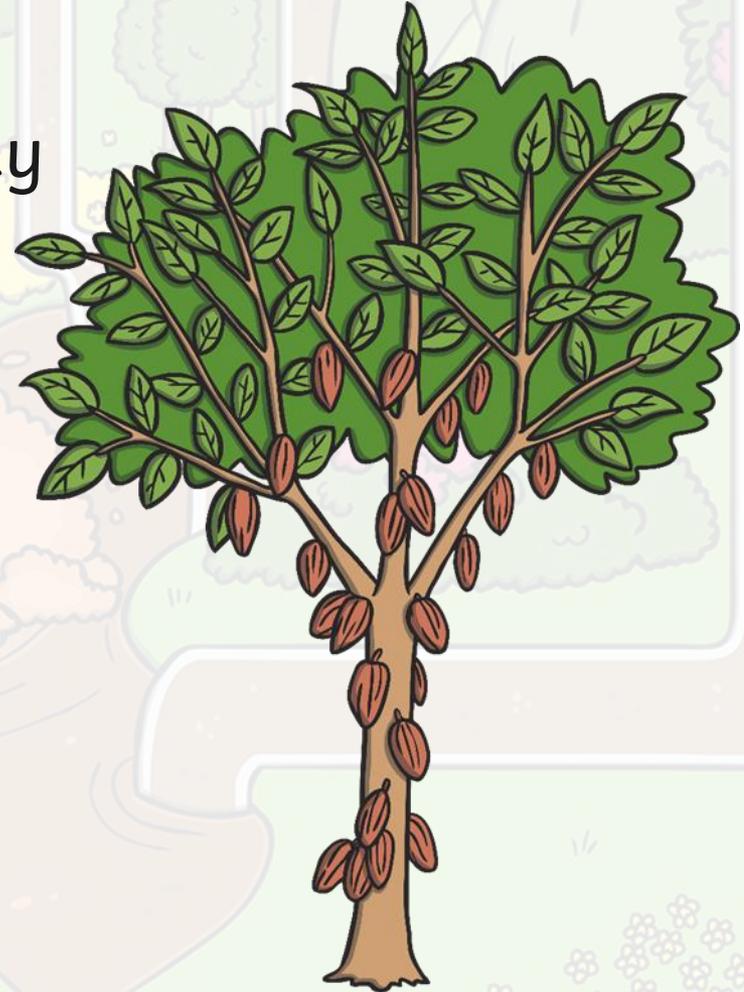
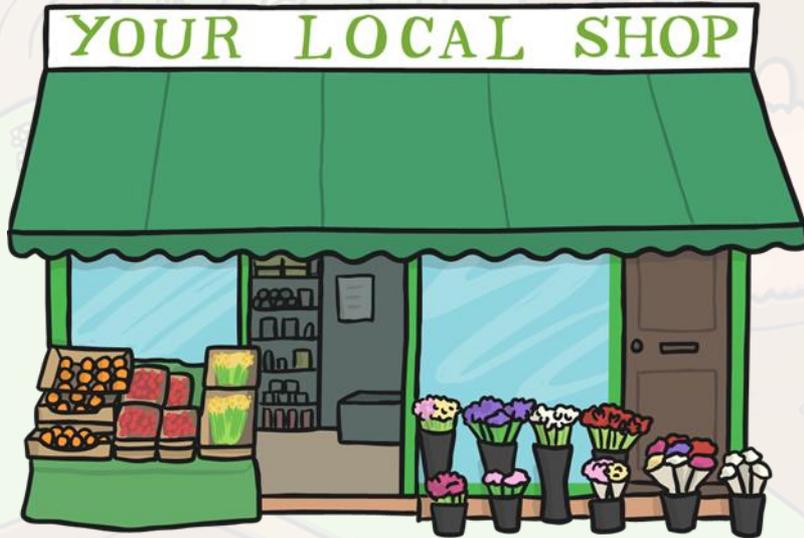
Discuss It!

Do you like chocolate?
Where do you think chocolate
comes from?



Does Chocolate Come from the Shop?

We buy chocolate from a shop but chocolate actually comes from cacao beans.



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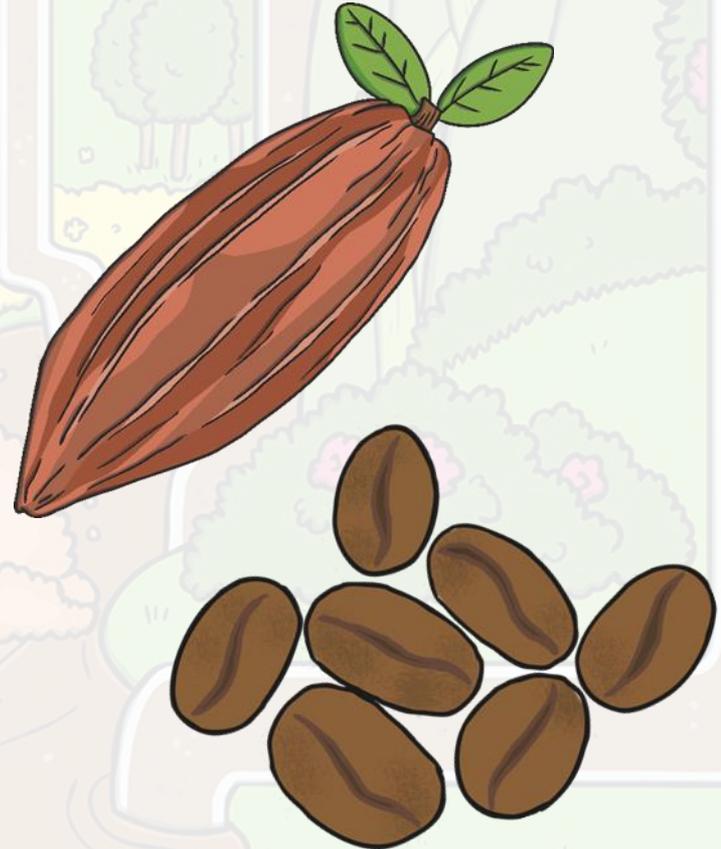
- Chocolate comes from cacao pods.
- Cacao pods grow on cacao trees.
- Cacao trees are grown in large **plantations**, in hot places such as Brazil in South America and Ghana in West Africa.



How Are Cacao Beans Harvested?

After six months of growing, the cacao pods are **ripe** and they are **harvested**.

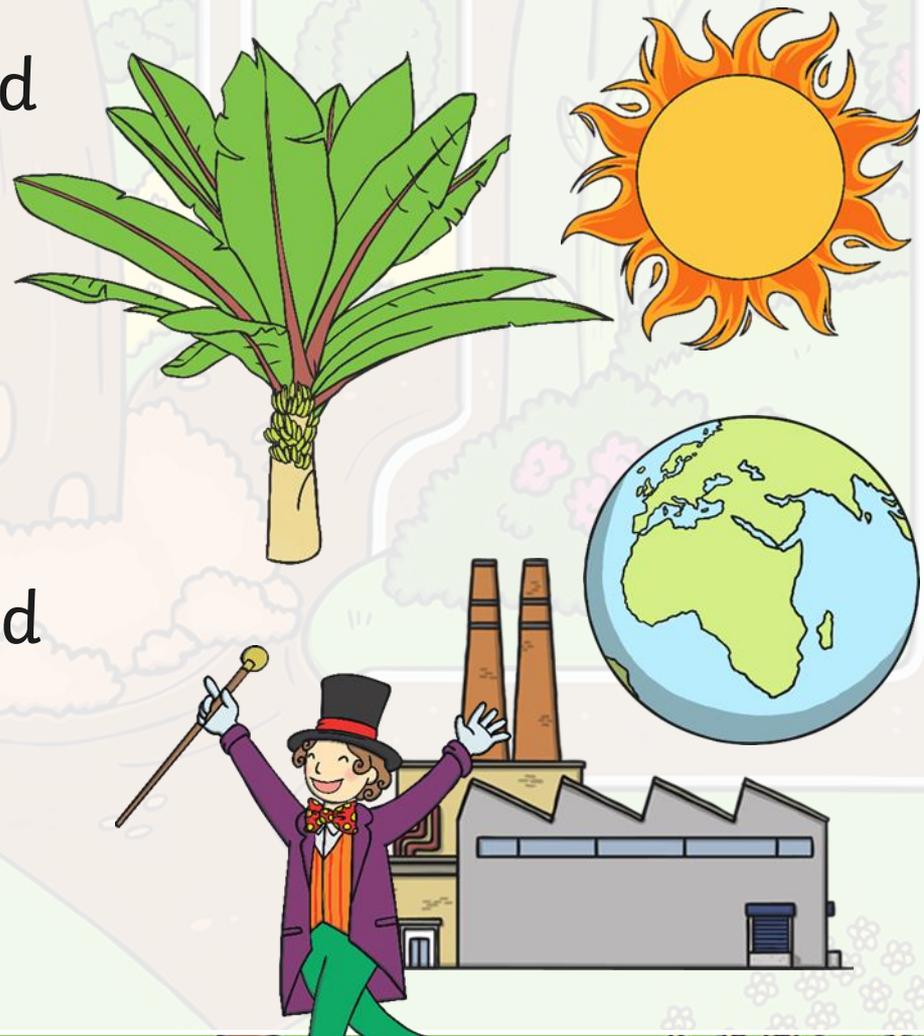
The cacao pods are split open with a **machete** and the cacao beans are removed.



What Happens to the Cacao Beans?

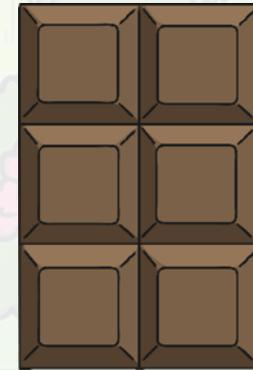
The beans are covered with banana leaves and left to dry out in the sun for about a week.

The beans are shipped out to chocolate factories all over the world.



How Is Chocolate Made from Cacao Beans?

- In factories, the beans are cleaned and then roasted.
- The shells are cracked and removed and you are left with broken pieces of cacao, called '**nibs**'.
- The nibs are then ground into a thick **paste**.
- Other ingredients, such as sugar, cocoa butter and milk are added to make the chocolate taste nice.
- The chocolate is poured into a **mould** and left to set.
- The chocolate is packaged and sent to shops to be sold.



What Is Chocolate Used For?

Chocolate is used to make lots of delicious foods and drinks.



Discuss It!

Which is your favourite kind of chocolate?

Glossary

harvested - when crops are collected

paste - a thick, soft, sticky substance

machete - a large, heavy knife

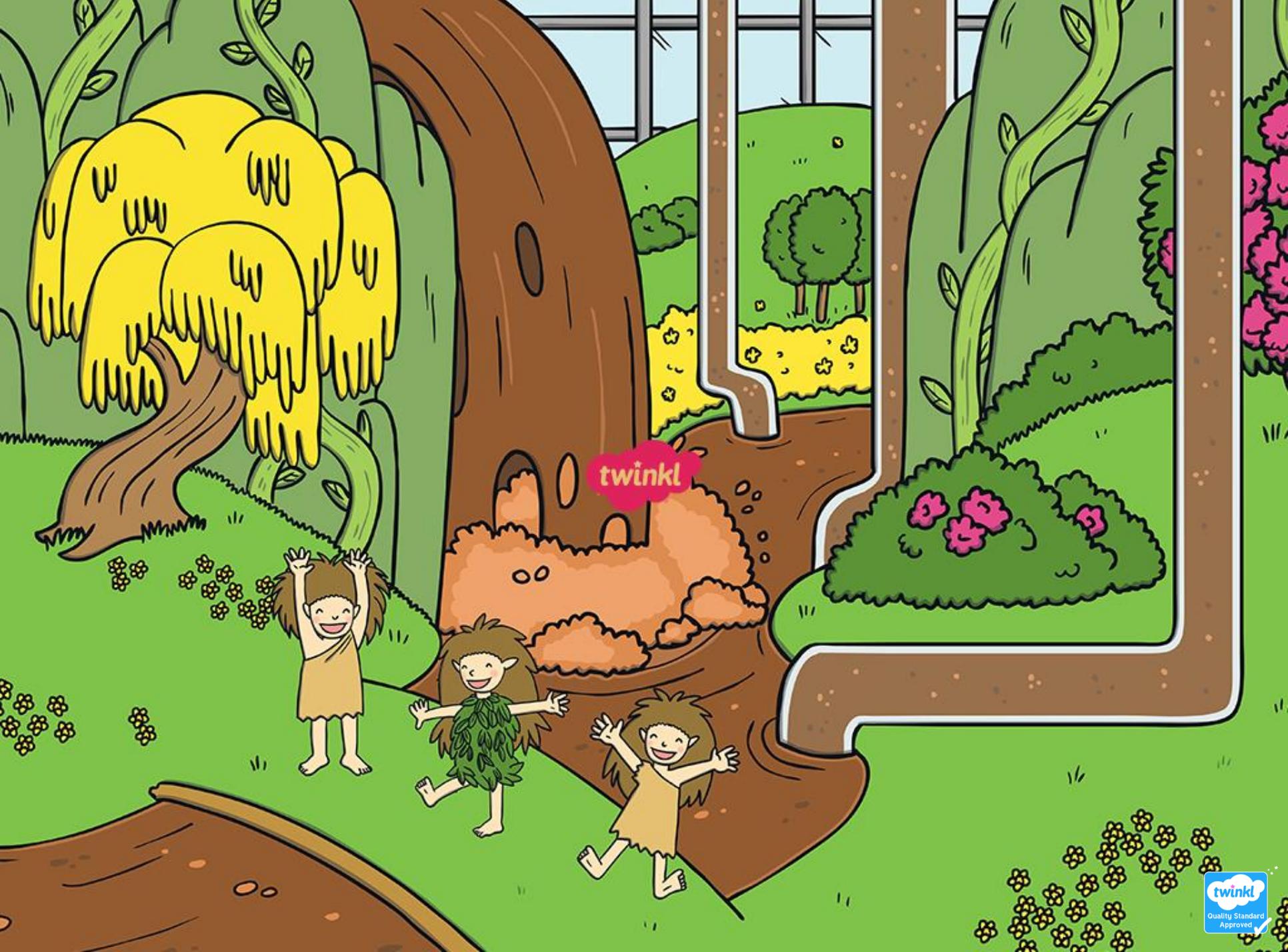
plantations - a large group of plants and trees

ripe - ready to be used or eaten

nibs - crushed cacao beans

mould - a hollow container used to give shape to liquid when it cools and hardens





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