

# 250 How is Chocolate Made?

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**Introduction**  
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If you've got a problem that you can't explain, write it in a **flow chart** then it's clear again.


Pods grow on cacao trees.

The pods are picked.

The seeds are taken out of the pods.

The seeds are taken to the factory.

At the factory they are made into chocolate!



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Cacao pods start off green. They grow pink and white flowers. After about four months, they turn red, yellow or orange. That means they are ready to be picked. When the pods are ripe, the workers collect the pods from the trees.

The pods are opened to get at the seeds inside. Each pod contains about 40 seeds. The seeds are called **beans**. The beans will be used to make chocolate but first, they are stored in a dark place. That will help to bring out the chocolate flavour. Next the beans are laid out to dry in the sun. Then, after about two weeks, they are ready to go to the chocolate-making factories.

At the factory, the beans are **roasted** which means they are cooked over a steady heat. That helps to make them even more chocolaty! The beans go through lots of other processes at the factory until eventually the roasted beans are turned into chocolate!

Chocolate must be melted and stirred well before it's ready to be made into chocolate bars. Then the melted chocolate is poured into moulds. When the chocolate has cooled and set, it's turned out of the moulds, wrapped, sold in shops and eaten by customers. **Most people love chocolate. Do you?**

Look at me, look at me,  
I've got chocolate.  
It's the end of the party  
they've given me chocolate.  
Look at me, look at me,  
I've got chocolate.  
I must keep my chocolate  
where no one can get it.  
Where shall I put it  
in my bag? in my pocket?  
No. In my hand. I'll keep it.  
Look at me, look at me,  
I've got chocolate  
and I'm going home to eat it.

And walk down the  
street,  
it's a sunny day and hot  
for me and my chocolate  
and I've got it, I've got it  
my fingers are round it  
tightly closed round it.  
Look at me, look at me,  
I've got chocolate.

And we get to my house  
and I rush in and shout  
"Look at me, look at me,  
I've got chocolate."  
"Let's see, let's see  
your lovely chocolate."  
And I open up my hands  
to show them the  
chocolate.  
...and oh no!  
what do you know!

That lovely big bit  
of beautiful chocolate  
has gone all soggy  
mucky and sticky  
like a handful of mud  
is all I've got,  
is a big sticky mess  
oh no, oh yes!

"Look at you, look at you  
what are you going to do?"  
And I stop and I think  
and I think and I stop  
What's in my hand?  
What have I really got?  
Is it still chocolate?  
Is this mess chocolate or not?  
I know what  
I'll just try a little taste  
I take my tongue to my finger  
and my finger to my tongue  
and YUM!

Look at me, look at me  
lick lick lick  
chocolate lick  
lick it, lick it  
lick it, lick it  
sticky, sticky chocolate  
lick it and lick it  
oh there's nothing left  
not one little bit.

I've eaten my chocolate.  
Look at me.

Chocolate by Michael Rosen.