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Chocolate is made from **Cacao beans**. Cacao beans are found in pods that grow on **Cacao trees**. Cacao trees are grown in large plantations, in hot, wet places such as Brazil in South America and Ghana in West Africa.



Where do Cacao trees grow?

Most of the world's cocoa is grown in a narrow belt either side of the **Equator** because Cacao trees grow well in hot, wet **tropical climates** with regular rainfall and a short dry season. The hot, rainy climate helps plants and trees grow, which gives shade to the Cacao trees and creates perfect growing conditions.

Equator	The Equator is an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth. It is the hottest part of the Earth because it is the closest to the sun.
climate	Climate is the long-term pattern of weather of a region, whereas weather is what we experience daily.
tropical	A climate that is hot and wet all year round.
rainforest	A large evergreen forest, mostly found in tropical areas, that receives a large amount of rain all year long.
production	The act of making something.
Cocoa beans	The seed from a cacao pod.
Cacao trees	A tropical, evergreen tree that grows cacao pods which contain cocoa beans.
harvest	Gathering/collecting ripe crops.
ferment	Making cocoa beans sweeter and less bitter.
Fair Trade	An agreement made by a seller to pay fair wages to workers in poorer countries.



Who were the Cadbury Brothers?

Cadbury was established in Birmingham, England in 1824, by John Cadbury, who sold tea, coffee and drinking chocolate. In 1847, he moved into the production of a variety of cocoa and drinking chocolates, made in a factory in Bridge Street and sold mainly to the wealthy because of the high cost of production.

