

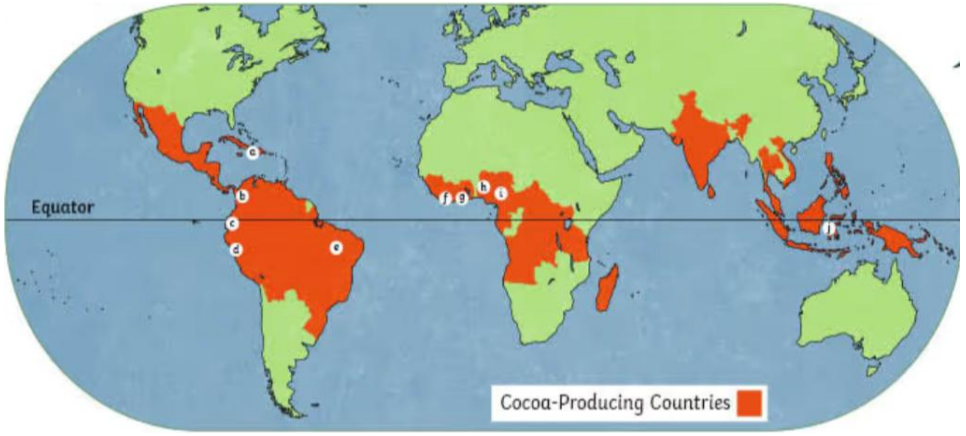
Where does chocolate come from?

Sticky Knowledge

Chocolate is made from cocoa beans that grow on the tropical 'Theobroma Tree'. The Theobroma tree needs hot, wet conditions for it to grow. These conditions can be found in countries around the **equator** where the climate is tropical.

Sticky Vocabulary

climate	A long-term pattern of weather in an area.
equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth – the hottest part of our planet.
tropical	A climate that is hot and wet all year round.
rainforest	Large evergreen forest – usually found in tropical regions.
production	The act of making something.
cocoa beans	The seed from a cacao pod.
cacao tree	A tropical tree that grows cacao pods.
harvest	Gathering/collecting ripe crops.
ferment	Making cocoa beans sweeter and less bitter.
fairtrade	An agreement made by sellers to pay fair wages to the farmers who harvest the crops.

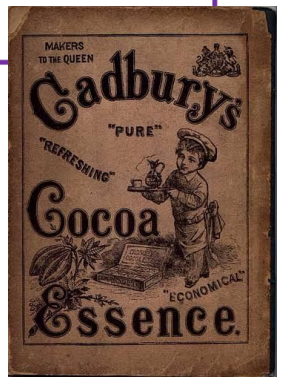


Top 5 cacao producing countries:

- Ivory Coast
- Ghana
- Ecuador
- Indonesia
- Cameroon

John Cadbury opened up his first chocolate factory in Birmingham in 1824. The first bar of Dairy Milk was produced nearly 100 years later in 1905.







It takes a long time and a lot of work to turn a cocoa bean into a chocolate bar.