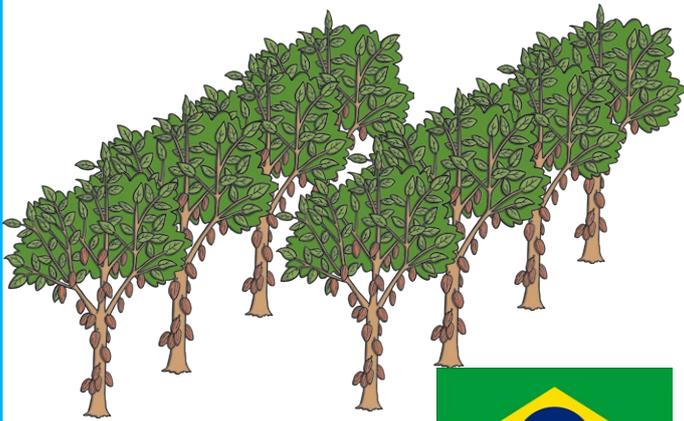


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**Cacao trees are grown in large plantations in tropical regions.**

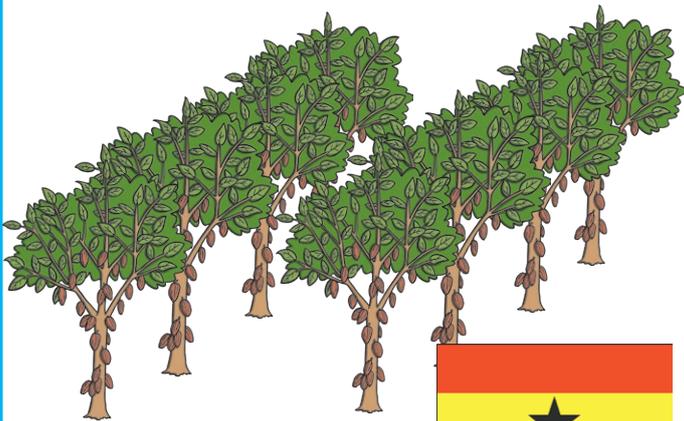
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**Cacao trees are grown in large plantations in Brazil, South America.**

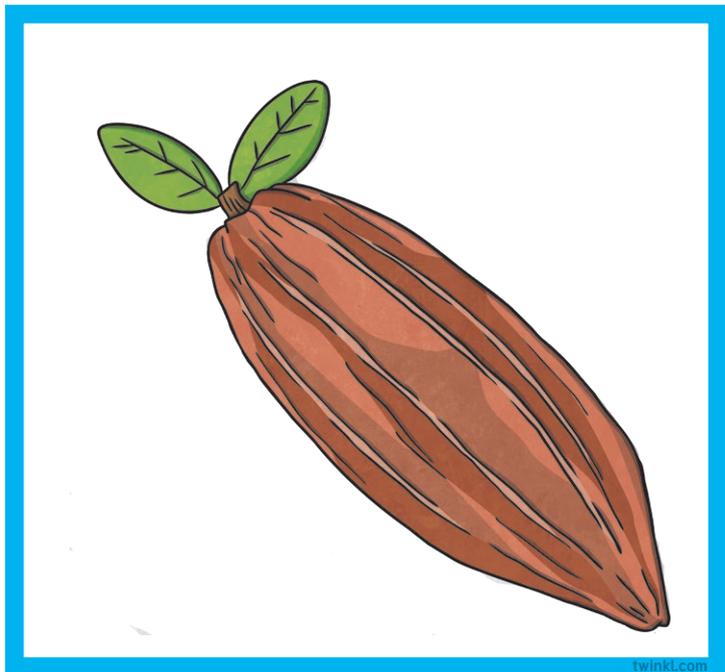
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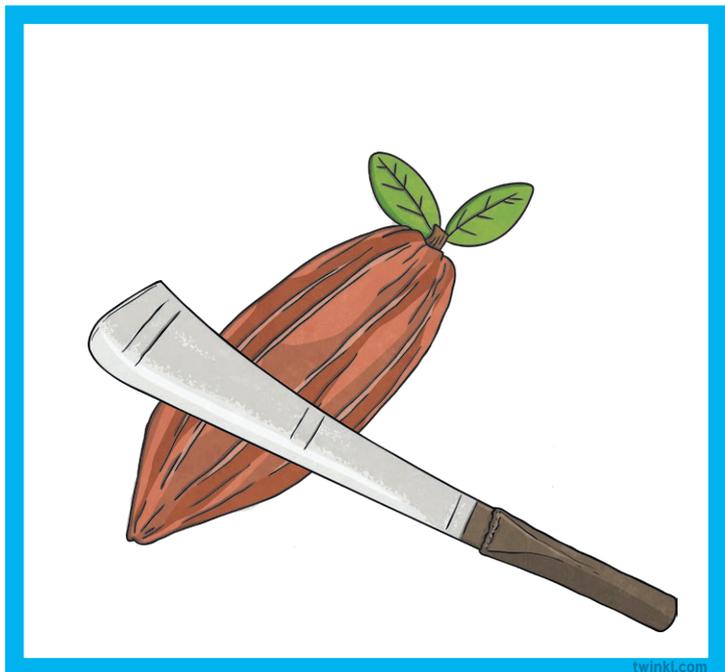
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**Cacao trees are grown in large plantations in Ghana, West Africa.**

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**After 6 months,  
the cocoa  
pods are ripe  
and they are  
harvested.**



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



**The beans are  
covered with  
banana leaves  
and left for 5  
days to ferment.**



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**The beans are  
dried out in  
the sun.**

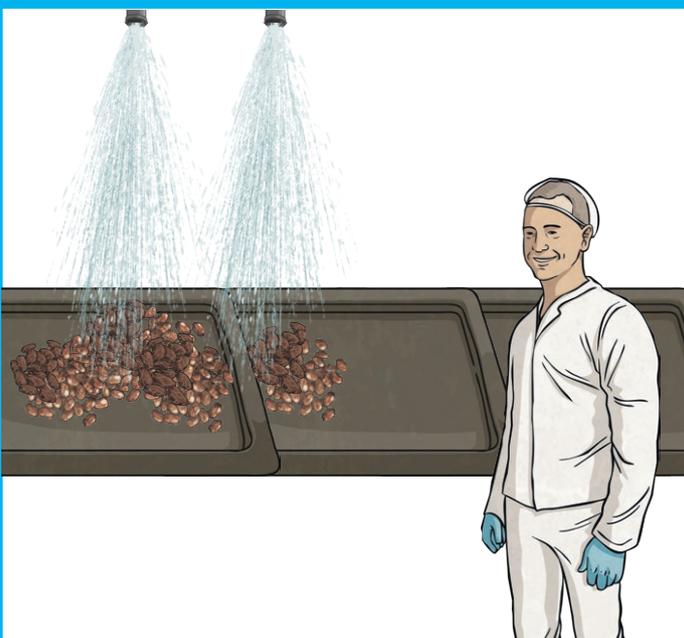
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**The beans  
are shipped  
to chocolate  
factories all  
over the world.**

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**At the factories,  
the beans are  
cleaned and  
then roasted.**

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**The shells are removed and the beans are ground into a thick liquid.**



**Finally, the chocolate is packaged and sent to the shops to be sold.**