

Searching for Context Clues & Key Details

Part 1 Read the passage and circle any context clues that help you figure out the meaning of the key vocabulary word. Then, use a glossary to write a definition for each vocabulary word.

The History of Chocolate

When you think of chocolate, you probably imagine your favorite candy bar. But when chocolate was first discovered over 4,000 years ago, it was actually consumed as a bitter-tasting drink mixed with honey, vanilla, and chili peppers. Chocolate is made from a bean called cacao, which is grown on trees that are native to Central and South America. After the beans are picked, they are allowed to ferment and dry for several weeks before being made into chocolate.

Key Vocabulary

cacao

consume

discover

native

ferment

Key Vocabulary	Context Clues	Definition
cacao		The dried seeds of a tropical tree that are used to make cocoa and chocolate.
consume		To eat or drink (something)
discover		To see, find, or become aware of (something) for the first time.
ferment		To go through a chemical change that results in the production of alcohol
native		Living, or existing naturally, in a particular region.

Part 2 Read this passage again and underline details that will support your answers. Complete the chart.

Questions	Copied Text Information	Write Answer in a Complete Sentence
When was chocolate first discovered?		Chocolate was first discovered over 4,000 years ago.
How was chocolate originally consumed?		People first consumed chocolate by drinking it.
Cacao beans are native to...		Cacao beans are native to Central and South America.