



# Chocolate Soup?

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- 1 You like chocolate, of course. Most people do. Some people eat it in funny ways. Did you ever eat chocolate soup? Children in Denmark do. They have it for breakfast. For lunch they make chocolate sandwiches with black bread.
- 2 When you come home from school, do you want crackers and milk? Children in France don't. They nibble chocolate and dry bread.
- 3 Would you like some chocolate in your gravy? Mexican children love it. On Sundays their mothers cook pork. They serve rich gravy with it. It is made of chocolate, apples, and spices.
- 4 The first astronauts to go into space from the United States took "space chocolate" with them. It was frozen in plastic bags. It looked like bars of chocolate pudding. The men squirted water into the bags. They squeezed the chocolate to make it soft.
- 5 They took "space brownies" with them too. They ate them in one bite. It kept crumbs from flying about in the spacecraft.
- 6 Would you like a nice glass of medicine? Long ago, doctors gave people chocolate as medicine. "Are you weak?" they asked. "This will make you strong." Now *there's* a medicine that wouldn't be hard to take! Don't you agree?

## COMPREHENSION

**A** Choose the best ending for each sentence. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 This story is about
  - a** how people around the world eat chocolate differently.
  - b** the way people make chocolate soup.
- 2 The writer thinks that most people
  - a** like chocolate gravy.
  - b** like chocolate.
- 3 Children in the United States most likely eat chocolate
  - a** for breakfast and in sandwiches.
  - b** in candy, cakes, and ice cream.

4 The astronauts most likely took chocolate because

- a** it tastes good.
  - b** they used it for medicine.
- 5 You can tell that people all over the world
- a** need to eat chocolate to stay strong.
  - b** must think chocolate is tasty.

## LEARN ABOUT WORDS

**B** Often you can find out the meaning of a word by seeing how it is used in a story. The other words in the story give you clues.

Find the word in the story that best fits each meaning. (A paragraph number tells you where to look.) Write the word.

- 1 eat in small bites (2)
- 2 sauce used on meat (3)
- 3 made hard by cold; hardened into ice (4)
- 4 small pieces of food that fall off (5)
- 5 ship used for space travel (5)

**C** Read the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence? Write the word.

- 6 Do you top your meat with chocolate \_\_\_\_\_?
- 7 Do you like to \_\_\_\_\_ on chocolate like French children do?
- 8 In space the astronauts ate chocolate in their \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 It is bad manners to leave \_\_\_\_\_ on the table.
- 10 Astronauts used water to soften their \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate.

## THINK ABOUT IT

**D** A fact is something that is true. An opinion is what someone thinks.

**Fact:** Mrs. Lopez is a teacher.

**Opinion:** I think she is nice.

Read each sentence. Is it a fact or an opinion? Write *F* if it is a fact. Write *O* if it is an opinion.

- 1 In Denmark people eat chocolate soup for breakfast.
- 2 Mexican gravy has apples, chocolate, and spices in it.
- 3 I think that chocolate gravy would taste funny.
- 4 Doctors used to give people chocolate to make them well.
- 5 We think that chocolate tastes best in milk.

**E** blue bring draw smile spider

These five words begin with consonant blends. The letters *bl*, *br*, *dr*, *sm*, and *sp* are consonant blends. Each pair of letters stands for two sounds.

Try the blends *bl*, *br*, *dr*, *sm*, and *sp* in each unfinished word. Which blend gives you a word that makes sense in the sentence? Write that word.

- 6 Children in France eat chocolate and dry \_\_\_\_ead.
- 7 Chocolate was used as food on \_\_\_\_ace trips.
- 8 Dark chocolate looks \_\_\_\_ack.
- 9 Can you \_\_\_\_ell the chocolate cake baking?
- 10 A glass of chocolate milk is a tasty \_\_\_\_ink for lunch.