



## 4. THE ORIGIN OF CHOCOLATE

Grouping: 

### WORKSHEET 1



The *premier contact* of the Western world with **Kakao** took place in 1528 when the Spanish *explorador* Fernando Cortez returned from Mexico with **Kakao**. At that *temps* cacao was used to make *une boisson*. The *cacaobonen* were very *duur*. Only rich *insanlar* could *payer* them. Only in 1900 **Kakao** became a national drink due to a sharp drop in *prix* of **Kakao**. The main ingredient of chocolate is **Kakao**, made from

*cacaobonen*. They come from the *fruta* of the **Kakaobaum**. **Kakaobaumen** grow in warm and humid tropical *ülkeler*, *surtout* in the *ülkeler* around the *équateur*. The best-known *fournisseurs* are Indonesia, Ecuador, Kenia, Ivory Coast... A **Kakaobaum** has to grow *tres tot four jaren* and can become *quinze metros hoog*. Most **Kakaobaumen** are pruned and become only *vier metros hoog*. That way it's easier to pick the **Früchte**. Every *arbre* gives about *dertig to veertig Früchte par an*. The tree has *bloemen* all year long. Big, hard **Früchte** grow out of every *bloem*. After about *cinco maanden* the **Früchte** are ripe. After these *vijf aylar* they can be picked. The ripe fruits are *geel*. They are about *zwanzig Zentimeter* long. Every *fruta* contains about *quarante tohumlar*. These seeds are the *cacaobonen*. **Kakao** is made of these *tohumlar*. Every year an *arbre* delivers *bir to twee kilo kakao*. They open the **Früchte** with a *couteau*. They take out the *bonen* and put them in bins. The bins are covered with big *feuilles*. After a *semaine* the *bonen* are *bruin*. The *bonen* are taken out of the bins and put in the *Sonne* to dry. The *bonen* are put in big *sacs* and transported to Europe by *Fahrzeug*. De *sacs* are unloaded in the *haven* of Amsterdam and they take them to the chocolate fabrics by *camions*. In the fabrics they are converted into chocolate.





CONTENT BASED TEACHING + PLURILINGUAL/CULTURAL AWARENESS  
CONBAT

ADDICTIVELY TASTY

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Answer the following questions:

Who brought the cacao to Europe? \_\_\_\_\_

In which year was that? \_\_\_\_\_

Which country does the cacao come from? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do cacao trees grow? \_\_\_\_\_

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How much cacao does a cacao tree deliver a year? \_\_\_\_\_

How many seeds does a cacao tree fruit contain? \_\_\_\_\_