Do you like to eat chocolate? Chocolate is one of the world’s most popular foods. Nowadays, people from all over the world eat chocolate. People spend over 10 billion dollars on it every year. In the US, people eat over 1.4 billion pounds of chocolate every year. That’s a lot of chocolate!

Chocolate comes from the seeds of cacao trees. Cacao trees first grew in South America. Today you can find them all over the world. Thousands of years ago, people in Mexico loved chocolate so much that, at times, they used it as money or for trade. They even had a god of chocolate named Ek-Chuah. Every year, they killed dogs and sang special songs to make Ek-Chuah happy.

Did you know that long ago, people liked to drink chocolate? They didn’t eat it. In 1847, a man in England, named Joseph Fry, made the first chocolate bar. After that, people started to eat chocolate instead of just drinking it.

Almost half of the world’s cacao trees are found in West Africa. In fact, 70% of the world’s cacao bean supply is from here. Furthermore, factories in Holland and the US cook and package most of the world’s chocolate. It is really an international food!
Choose the best answer.

1. According to the passage, chocolate is one of the world’s most ___________ foods.
   a. popular       b. healthy       c. sweet       d. expensive

2. Thousands of years ago, people in Mexico killed dogs to _____________.
   a. give candy to the gods
   b. protect young cacao trees
   c. cook special food for the army
   d. make the god of chocolate happy

3. Which of the following is NOT true about chocolate?
   a. People in the United States eat over a billion pounds of chocolate every year.
   b. People ate chocolate bars in Mexico thousands of years ago.
   c. People make chocolate from the seeds of cacao trees.
   d. Long ago, people liked to drink chocolate instead of eating it.

4. According to the passage, what can you guess about West Africa?
   a. People there had a god of chocolate.
   b. Most of the world’s chocolate gets cooked and packaged there.
   c. A large percentage of the world’s cacao beans come from there.
   d. Most people like to drink chocolate there instead of eating it.

Write in Your Own Words

Answer the following questions in 1 or 2 sentences.

1. From what plant does chocolate come?
   ________________________________________________________________.

2. Why is Joseph Fry famous?
   ________________________________________________________________.

3. Why does the author call chocolate an “international” food?
   ________________________________________________________________.

Visualize the Passage: Classifying

Read the passage again and decide which facts were true in the past and which ones are true in the present. Write the correct letters in the boxes below.

The Past

a. Most people drink chocolate and do not eat it.
b. Most chocolate gets grown in West Africa.
   c. People spend 10 billion dollars on chocolate every year.
   d. People in Holland and the US cook and package most chocolate.
   e. People sing songs to Ek-Chuah, the god of chocolate.

The Present

Summarize the Passage

Complete the summary by filling in the blanks.

Chocolate is one of the world’s most 1 ___________ foods. It comes from the 2 ___________ of cacao trees. 3 ___________ of years ago, people in Mexico used chocolate as money and had a god of 4 ___________ called Ek-Chuah. At first, most people used to 5 ___________ chocolate. After Joseph Fry invented the chocolate 6 ___________ in 1847, most people ate the candy instead of drinking it. Today, people in West Africa 7 ___________ many cacao trees. People 8 ___________ and package the candy mostly in Holland and the United States.
The Dentist’s Office

Pre-Reading

Look at the picture and answer the questions.
1. Do you know the name of holes found in the teeth?
2. Have you ever had holes like this in your teeth?
3. Where do you go when you have holes in your teeth?

Trina feels very sad today. The problem started when her mother promised to take her to the candy store. After school, Trina jumped into the car. She wanted to buy a chocolate bar, her favorite candy. But Trina’s mother had a sad surprise for her. “We aren’t going to the candy store,” she said. “We’re really going to the dentist’s office!”

“How could you do this to me?” said Trina. “Sorry,” said Trina’s mother. “But I didn’t want to fight with you again.”

At the dentist’s office, Trina heard a little boy screaming. “Stop, please stop!” he cried behind the door. Trina was scared and wanted to go home. But it was too late. Soon, it was Trina’s turn to see the dentist. “I apologize for my last patient,” said the dentist. “I was only cleaning his teeth!”

Trina started to feel better. She knew that she was not a cry-baby like the last patient. She went into the office and opened her mouth. Then, the dentist told her that she had two cavities. She needed to make an appointment to see him again next week. Until then, she could not eat candy. Suddenly, Trina did not feel so well. She should have taken better care of her teeth.

Vocabulary Word

1. dentist’s office
2. apologize
3. patient
4. cavities
5. appointment

Definition

a. holes in the teeth
b. to say “I’m sorry”
c. a future meeting
d. where teeth are treated
e. someone who sees a doctor

Understanding the Passage

A. What would be the best title for the passage?
   a. Trina’s Visit to the Candy Store
   b. The Trip to the Dentist’s Office
   c. Trina’s Cavities
   d. The Screaming Patient

B. Choose the main idea of each paragraph. One choice will NOT be used.

1. The 1st paragraph
   a. Trina hears a screaming patient and feels afraid.
   b. Trina’s mother plays a trick on her daughter to make her go to the dentist.
   c. Trina learns that she has cavities in her teeth.
   d. Trina’s mother takes away her daughter’s candy.

2. The 2nd paragraph

3. The 3rd paragraph

Key vocabulary
- dentist’s office: a place where people who care for teeth work
- apologize: to say “I’m sorry” for something
- patient: someone who is under the care of a doctor
- cavity: a hole in the teeth
- appointment: a meeting set for a time and a place
Choose the best answers.

1. Trina thinks that she is going to the __________, but her mother has other ideas.
   a. office      b. school      c. store      d. dentist

2. Trina thinks that the dentist’s last patient __________.
   a. cries too easily      b. never went to the dentist before
   c. should not visit the dentist      d. has many cavities

3. Which of the following is NOT true about the dentist?
   a. He tells Trina that she needs to see him next week.
   b. He is sorry that his last patient screamed.
   c. He finds two cavities in Trina’s mouth.
   d. He tells Trina that he needs to clean her teeth.

4. What is probably true about Trina?
   a. She always brushes her teeth.
   b. She does not eat healthy food.
   c. She sometimes fights with her mother.
   d. She has never been to the dentist before.

Write in Your Own Words

Answer the following questions in 1 or 2 sentences.

1. Why does Trina say “How could you do this to me?” to her mother?

2. Why do you think the dentist’s last patient screamed?

3. How does Trina feel at the end of the story?

Visualize the Passage: Understanding Plot

When authors write a story, they give information about where it takes place (setting), people who take part in it (characters), the story itself (plot), and how the story ends (ending). Check (✓) the correct boxes.

**Setting**
- ✓ a. The dentist’s office
- □ b. The candy store

**Characters**
- □ a. Trina
- □ b. Trina’s mother
- □ c. Trina’s dentist
- □ d. Trina’s teacher

**Plot**
- □ a. Trina’s mother takes her to the dentist.
- □ b. Trina teaches a little boy not to be afraid.

**Ending**
- □ a. Trina needs to see the dentist next week and she feels bad.
- □ b. Trina learns never to eat candy again.

Summarize the Passage

Complete the summary by filling in the blanks.

One day, Trina’s __________ tells her that they are going to the candy store together. After __________, Trina finds out that her mother is not telling the __________. They are really going to see the __________. At the dentist’s __________, Trina hears a __________ screaming and feels scared. Later, she finds out that she has two __________ and __________ even worse.

cavities  mother  truth  dentist  school  patient  feels