

Objective To improve your reading and listening skills.

Think about it What type of chocolate do you like? How often do you eat chocolate? What other sweet things do you like?

Exams This reading and listening activity will help prepare you for English exams such as PET and TOEFL.



WHEN CHOCOLATE BECOMES A WORK OF ART!

Chocolate is delicious, we all know that. But it isn't just for eating, as these chocolate works of art clearly show.



Chocolate wall

The World Chocolate Wonderland is a theme park in Beijing (China). One of its attractions is a 12-metre-long replica of the Great Wall of China made entirely out of chocolate. There's also a chocolate BMW, as well as chocolate replicas of more than 600 **Terracotta Army warriors**.



Chocolate couch

In 2009, chocolate company Galaxy used 250kg of their own chocolate to make a chocolate couch. The couch was part of their "Irresistible Reads" campaign, which was designed to promote reading. It was **put on display** in **Victoria Embankment Gardens** in London. Photos were taken of British TV actress Emilia Fox sitting on the couch reading a book.



Chocolate room

In 2011, seven artists from Lithuania used 300kg of

chocolate to build a chocolate room with a chocolate floor, **ceiling** and walls. The room, which was on display at a shopping centre, even had a chocolate table, chocolate books, chocolate pictures and chocolate **candlesticks**. The artists later broke up the chocolate and gave it to shoppers.

Chocolate hotel suite

In 2011, French chocolatier Patrick Roger worked with fashion icon Karl Lagerfeld. Together, they created a chocolate hotel **suite** as promotion for the ice cream company Magnum. The room, at the La Reserve hotel in Paris, had a chocolate carpet, chocolate bed and a chocolate **nightstand** full of chocolate books. Sitting on the bed was a chocolate man eating a Magnum ice cream.



Chocolate tree

In 2012, Patrick Roger made a five-metre tree from five **tons** of chocolate. The sculpture, which was at Roger's shop in Paris, even had chocolate monkeys **hanging** from chocolate **branches**. Roger wanted to **raise awareness** of the problems facing African wildlife.



Chocolate shoes

One of London's greatest chocolatiers, Phil Neal, once created a collection of **high-heeled shoes** made of chocolate. Neal used top-quality, Venezuelan chocolate, filled the shoes with **ganache** and strawberries, and decorated them with 22-carat gold. The shoes were on sale at

London's luxury chocolate shop Theobroma Cacao for £25 each or £45 a pair.



Chocolate mailbox

In 2011, chocolate company Godiva made a chocolate mailbox with white truffle hearts to celebrate Valentine's Day. The mailbox was on display at its shop on Fifth Avenue in New York City. Customers could post their love letters there, and the company would **stamp** and **mail** them for free during the three weeks leading up to Valentine's Day. ♡

GLOSSARY

Terracotta Army *n*
"terracotta" is a type of clay used to make cups/plates, etc. "Clay" is a kind of earth that is soft when it's wet and hard when it's dry. The Terracotta Army is a collection of soldiers and horses that were buried with Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China, in 210–209 BC. They were there to protect the emperor in his afterlife

a warrior *n*
an experienced / professional soldier

to put on display *exp*
if you "put something on display", you put it in a museum so everyone can see it

Victoria Embankment Gardens *n*
a series of gardens on the north side of the River Thames

a ceiling *n*
the top part of a room

a candlestick *n*
an object for holding a candle (a stick of hard wax that burns and provides light)

a suite *n*
a set of rooms in a hotel

a nightstand *n*
a small table next to your bed

a ton *n*
more or less 1,000 kilos

to hang *vb*
if a monkey is "hanging" from a branch on a tree, it's holding onto the branch

a branch *n*
a part of a tree that grows from its trunk. "Branches" often have leaves on them

to raise awareness *exp*
if you "raise awareness" of something, you help people understand that thing

high-heeled shoes *n*
shoes with a high part at the back of the shoe

ganache *n*
melted chocolate and cream that's often used for making truffles

a mailbox *n* *US*
when you want to post a letter, you put it in a "mailbox" (a "post box" in British English) so the post office can send it

to stamp *vb*
to put a stamp on. A "stamp" is a small square piece of paper that you put on an envelope as payment for sending a letter

to mail *vb*
to send a letter to its destination

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1 Pre-reading

You're going to read an article about some unusual things made of chocolate. Look at the titles. What do you think the chocolate works of art consist of? Make notes.

2 Reading I

Read the article once to compare your ideas from the Pre-reading activity.

3 Reading II

Read the article again. Then, answer the questions.

- How many chocolate Terracotta warriors are there in the World Chocolate Wonderland?
- How much chocolate was used to make the chocolate couch?
- Where were the artists from who made the chocolate room?
- When was the chocolate hotel suite made?
- How much chocolate was needed for the chocolate tree?
- What's the origin of the chocolate that was used for the chocolate shoes?
- Where was the chocolate mailbox on display?