

B. Chocolate Facts. Select words from the box below and fill in the gaps.

bean, medicine, generation, bar, ancient, delicious, in, year



- The word “chocolate” comes from the Aztec word xocolatl, which means bitter water.
- The first people known to consume cacao beans were the Olmec and the Maya, who lived in today’s Mexico and Guatemala. The **1**.....cacao bean drink was used in religious rituals and as **2**.....
- Cacao beans even became a form of currency. In an Aztec market, one **3**.....could buy a tomato and 100 beans could buy a turkey!
- Given the importance of cacao to these **4**.....civilisations, it’s no wonder that the scientific name of the cacao tree is Theobroma cacao, which means food of the gods.
- Christopher Columbus was the first European explorer to see cacao beans. Around 1528, chocolate arrived **5**.....Spain, where it was mixed with sugar, vanilla and cinnamon.
- Monkeys like cacao, too! They sink their teeth into the pulp and seeds, sucking the juice and spitting out the seeds. The seeds then begin a new **6**.....of cacao trees!
- Did you know that there’s a World Chocolate Day? It takes place each **7**..... on 7 July.
- You can make really good hot chocolate by simply breaking your favourite chocolate **8**.....(without bits in) into small pieces and then whisking it into warm milk!
- The French celebrate April Fool’s Day with chocolate-shaped fish (Poisson d’Avril).

C. Connect the dots from 1 to 36.

