

# Breaking News English.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES  
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

[breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html](http://breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html)

**Thousands more free lessons  
from Sean's other websites**

[www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean\\_banville\\_lessons.html](http://www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html)

**Level 6 – 23rd August, 2020**

## It snowed chocolate in a Swiss town

**FREE online quizzes, mp3 listening and more for this lesson here:**

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

### Contents

The Article	2	Discussion (Student-Created Qs)	15
Warm-Ups	3	Language Work (Cloze)	16
Vocabulary	4	Spelling	17
Before Reading / Listening	5	Put The Text Back Together	18
Gap Fill	6	Put The Words In The Right Order	19
Match The Sentences And Listen	7	Circle The Correct Word	20
Listening Gap Fill	8	Insert The Vowels (a, e, i, o, u)	21
Comprehension Questions	9	Punctuate The Text And Add Capitals	22
Multiple Choice - Quiz	10	Put A Slash ( / ) Where The Spaces Are	23
Role Play	11	Free Writing	24
After Reading / Listening	12	Academic Writing	25
Student Survey	13	Homework	26
Discussion (20 Questions)	14	Answers	27

**Please try Levels 4 and 5 (they are easier).**

**Twitter**



[twitter.com/SeanBanville](https://twitter.com/SeanBanville)

**Facebook**



[www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176](https://www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176)

# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

Switzerland is renowned the world over for the quality of its chocolate. The nation has earned an international reputation for its premium chocolate brands. However, residents in the Swiss town of Olten, near Zurich, got the surprise of their lives earlier this week when it started snowing chocolate. Some locals wondered if the brown dusting was a bizarre consequence of climate change. However, all became clear after the local chocolate manufacturer revealed the brown shower was the result of a malfunction at its factory. The chocolate maker Lindt confirmed that a minor defect in its cooling ventilation systems allowed gusty winds to whip up chocolate dust and sprinkle it over the town.

Many parts of the town were covered in a fine layer of light brown, milk-chocolate-flavoured dust. A representative from Lindt offered to pay for any cleaning services required as a result of the event. To date, no one has asked for help. The spokeswoman reassured people in the vicinity of the factory that crushed cocoa beans are harmless to human health and the environment. She added that factory engineers are currently working on repairing the technical hitch. The cocoa-dust incident led to a lot of banter on social media. A Twitter user wrote: "Chocolate snowflakes falling from the sky, dreams do come true." Another tweeter posted a comment saying: "I'm dreaming of a brown Christmas."

Sources: <https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/lindt-spruengli-chocolate-snow-switzerland-221326509.html>  
<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/news/article/snowing-chocolate-seen-in-olten-switzerland-after-lindt-factory-malfunction>  
<https://interestingengineering.com/chocolate-snow-blankets-swiss-town-after-local-factory-mishap>

# WARM-UPS

**1. CHOCOLATE:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about chocolate. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

renowned / quality / chocolate / premium / surprise / snow / climate change / wind / dust / cleaning / help / result / cocoa beans / technical hitch / banter / social media

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. RIGHT:** Students A **strongly** believe chocolate should be a human right; Students B **strongly** believe that's silly. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. QUALITY:** What are the highest quality products? What makes them such high quality? What is your experience of them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What	Why?	Your Experience?
Chocolate			
Phone			
Clothes			
Car			
Hair product			
Sneakers			

**5. SNOW:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "snow". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. CHOCOLATE GOODIES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Brownies
- Ice cream
- Milk shake
- Croissant
- Crepe
- Cookies
- Fondue
- Hot chocolate

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 1. renowned    | a. The beliefs or opinions that are generally held about someone or something.       |
| 2. reputation  | b. A person who lives somewhere permanently or on a long-term basis.                 |
| 3. premium     | c. Scatter or place small drops or particles of something over an object or surface. |
| 4. resident    | d. Relating to a product of superior quality and therefore a higher price.           |
| 5. bizarre     | e. A failure to operate or work in a normal or satisfactory manner.                  |
| 6. malfunction | f. Known or talked about by many people; famous.                                     |
| 7. sprinkle    | g. Very strange or unusual, especially so as to cause interest or amusement.         |

## Paragraph 2

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 8. fine      | h. Said or did something to remove the doubts and fears of someone. |
| 9. reassured | i. The area near or surrounding a particular place.                 |
| 10. vicinity | j. Playful and friendly of teasing remarks and comments.            |
| 11. crushed  | k. A temporary interruption or problem.                             |
| 12. hitch    | l. Forced inwards by pressing with great force.                     |
| 13. incident | m. Consisting of very, very, very small particles.                  |
| 14. banter   | n. An event or occurrence.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Switzerland has renewed its status as a premium chocolate maker. **T / F**
- b. Chocolate snow fell on the residents of a town near Zurich. **T / F**
- c. Experts say the chocolate snow was caused by climate change. **T / F**
- d. Chocolatiers used the chocolate to whip up a special dessert. **T / F**
- e. A town had a thick coating of the chocolate dust. **T / F**
- f. No resident accepted the chocolate company offer to clean up the mess. **T / F**
- g. The company said crushed cocoa beans are not harmful to our health. **T / F**
- h. A Twitter user is dreaming of a white Christmas. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>renowned</b>    | a. until now  |
| 2. <b>earned</b>      | b. fault      |
| 3. <b>residents</b>   | c. blanketed  |
| 4. <b>bizarre</b>     | d. merited    |
| 5. <b>malfunction</b> | e. occurrence |
| 6. <b>covered</b>     | f. peculiar   |
| 7. <b>to date</b>     | g. mending    |
| 8. <b>repairing</b>   | h. famous     |
| 9. <b>incident</b>    | i. repartee   |
| 10. <b>banter</b>     | j. citizens   |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. Switzerland is renowned the world      | a. up chocolate dust |
| 2. The nation has earned an international | b. on social media   |
| 3. a bizarre consequence                  | c. it over the town  |
| 4. allowed gusty winds to whip            | d. a fine layer      |
| 5. sprinkle                               | e. no one has asked  |
| 6. covered in                             | f. reputation        |
| 7. To date,                               | g. hitch             |
| 8. people in the vicinity of              | h. of climate change |
| 9. technical                              | i. the factory       |
| 10. led to a lot of banter                | j. over              |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

Switzerland is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the world over for the quality of its chocolate. The nation has earned an international (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for its premium chocolate brands. However, residents in the Swiss town of Olten, near Zurich, got the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of their lives earlier this week when it started snowing chocolate. Some locals (4) \_\_\_\_\_ if the brown dusting was a bizarre consequence of climate change. However, all became (5) \_\_\_\_\_ after the local chocolate manufacturer revealed the brown shower was the result of a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ at its factory. The chocolate maker Lindt confirmed that a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ defect in its cooling ventilation systems allowed gusty winds to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ up chocolate dust and sprinkle it over the town.

*surprise*  
*clear*  
*renowned*  
*whip*  
*wondered*  
*minor*  
*reputation*  
*malfunction*

Many parts of the town were covered in a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ layer of light brown, milk-chocolate-flavoured dust. A representative from Lindt offered to pay for any cleaning services (10) \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of the event. To date, no one has asked for help. The spokeswoman reassured people in the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of the factory that crushed cocoa beans are harmless to human (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and the environment. She added that factory engineers are (13) \_\_\_\_\_ working on repairing the technical hitch. The cocoa-dust incident led to a lot of (14) \_\_\_\_\_ on social media. A Twitter user wrote: "Chocolate snowflakes falling from the sky, (15) \_\_\_\_\_ do come true." Another tweeter posted a comment saying: "I'm dreaming of a (16) \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas."

*health*  
*required*  
*dreams*  
*fine*  
*currently*  
*vicinity*  
*brown*  
*banter*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

- 1) Switzerland is renowned the world over for the \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate
  - a. qualify of its
  - b. falsify of its
  - c. ability of its
  - d. quality of its
- 2) The nation has earned an international reputation for its \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. preening chocolate
  - b. pre minimum chocolate
  - c. preen maxim chocolate
  - d. premium chocolate
- 3) residents in the Swiss town of Olten, near Zurich, got the surprise \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of their lives
  - b. of their live
  - c. of their living
  - d. of their leaves
- 4) manufacturer revealed the brown shower was the result \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of a mall function
  - b. of a malfunction
  - c. of a more function
  - d. of a mall faction
- 5) its cooling ventilation systems allowed gusty winds to \_\_\_\_\_ dust
  - a. rip up chocolate
  - b. whip up chocolate
  - c. wipe up chocolate
  - d. whoop up chocolate
- 6) A representative from Lindt offered to pay for any cleaning services required \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. was a result
  - b. has a result
  - c. as a result
  - d. that's a result
- 7) The spokeswoman reassured people \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in the recently
  - b. in the divinity
  - c. in the vicinity
  - d. in the vacantly
- 8) She added that factory engineers are currently working on repairing \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the technical hitch
  - b. the technical pitch
  - c. the technical ditch
  - d. the technical witch
- 9) Chocolate snowflakes falling from the sky, dreams \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. do come truth
  - b. do come truly
  - c. do come true
  - d. do come truism
- 10) Another tweeter posted a comment saying: "I'm dreaming of \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. a white Christmas
  - b. a snowy Christmas
  - c. a healthy Christmas
  - d. a brown Christmas

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

Switzerland is renowned the world over for (1) \_\_\_\_\_ its chocolate. The nation has earned an international (2) \_\_\_\_\_ premium chocolate brands. However, residents in the Swiss town of Olten, near Zurich, got the surprise of their lives earlier this week when it started snowing chocolate. Some locals wondered if the brown dusting (3) \_\_\_\_\_ consequence of climate change. However, all became clear after the local chocolate manufacturer revealed the brown shower was the result of (4) \_\_\_\_\_ its factory. The chocolate maker Lindt confirmed that a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ its cooling ventilation systems allowed gusty winds to whip up chocolate dust and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the town.

Many parts of the town were covered in a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ light brown, milk-chocolate-flavoured dust. A representative from Lindt offered to pay for any cleaning services required (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of the event. To date, no one has asked for help. The spokeswoman reassured people in the vicinity of the factory (9) \_\_\_\_\_ beans are harmless to human health and the environment. She added that factory engineers are currently working on repairing (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The cocoa-dust incident led to a lot (11) \_\_\_\_\_ social media. A Twitter user wrote: "Chocolate snowflakes falling from the sky, dreams do come true." Another tweeter (12) \_\_\_\_\_ saying: "I'm dreaming of a brown Christmas."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

1. What has Switzerland earned an international reputation for?
2. Which city is the town of Olten near?
3. What did people first think the falling chocolate was a consequence of?
4. What was the falling chocolate the result of?
5. What kind of winds sprinkled the chocolate dust over the town?
6. What did the company say it would pay for?
7. How many people accepted the company's offer of help?
8. What did a company representative say was harmless to our health?
9. Where was there a lot of banter about the incident?
10. What kind of Christmas was a tweeter dreaming about?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

- 1) What has Switzerland earned an international reputation for?
  - a) novel chocolate designs
  - b) healthy chocolate
  - c) premium chocolate brands
  - d) inventing chocolate
- 2) Which city is the town of Olten near?
  - a) Zurich
  - b) Geneva
  - c) Bern
  - d) Basel
- 3) What did people first think the falling chocolate was a consequence of?
  - a) climate change
  - b) a tornado
  - c) Armageddon
  - d) insects
- 4) What was the falling chocolate the result of?
  - a) a fire
  - b) a factory malfunction
  - c) an open warehouse door
  - d) overproduction
- 5) What kind of winds sprinkled the chocolate dust over the town?
  - a) gentle breezes
  - b) hurricane-force winds
  - c) hot winds
  - d) gusty winds
- 6) What did the company say it would pay for?
  - a) ruined clothes
  - b) cleaning services
  - c) its mistake
  - d) chocolate for everyone
- 7) How many people accepted the company's offer of help?
  - a) none
  - b) ten
  - c) one hundred
  - d) one thousand
- 8) What did a company representative say was harmless to our health?
  - a) powdered cocoa beans
  - b) raw cocoa beans
  - c) crushed cocoa beans
  - d) refined cocoa beans
- 9) Where was there a lot of banter about the incident?
  - a) in the factory
  - b) in the town
  - c) on chocolate plantations
  - d) on social media
- 10) What kind of Christmas was a tweeter dreaming about?
  - a) a brown Christmas
  - b) a chocolaty Christmas
  - c) a white Christmas
  - d) a happy Christmas

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

## **Role A – Ice Cream**

You think ice cream is the best chocolate product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their products. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): brownies, milk shake or fondue.

## **Role B – Brownies**

You think brownies is the best chocolate product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their products. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): ice cream, milk shake or fondue.

## **Role C – Milk Shake**

You think milk shake is the best chocolate product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their products. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): brownies, ice cream or fondue.

## **Role D – Fondue**

You think fondue is the best chocolate product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their products. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): brownies, milk shake or ice cream.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'snow' and 'chocolate'.

<b>snow</b>	<b>chocolate</b>
-------------	------------------

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• over</li><li>• brands</li><li>• surprise</li><li>• locals</li><li>• clear</li><li>• cooling</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• fine</li><li>• pay</li><li>• vicinity</li><li>• added</li><li>• banter</li><li>• true</li></ul>
---	---

# CHOCOLATE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

Write five GOOD questions about chocolate in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# CHOCOLATE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'chocolate'?
3. What do you think of snow?
4. How much do you like snow?
5. What do you think of chocolate?
6. Why do so many people love chocolate?
7. What is a chocoholic?
8. What would you do if chocolate fell from the sky?
9. How is chocolate made?
10. How healthy or unhealthy is chocolate?

*It snowed chocolate in a Swiss town – 23rd August, 2020*  
Thousands more free lessons at [breakingnewsenglish.com](http://breakingnewsenglish.com)

---

# CHOCOLATE DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'snow'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Do you think the insects in the town were happy?
15. What would you like to fall from the sky?
16. How can we help someone who is a chocoholic?
17. In England it rains cats and dogs. What does this mean?
18. What is the best thing that is made from chocolate?
19. Would you prefer a white or brown Christmas?
20. What questions would you like to ask the chocolate company?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Copyright © breakingnewsenglish.com 2020

-----

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

Switzerland is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the world over for the quality of its chocolate. The nation has earned an international reputation (2) \_\_\_\_\_ its premium chocolate brands. However, residents in the Swiss town of Olten, near Zurich, got the surprise of their (3) \_\_\_\_\_ earlier this week when it started snowing chocolate. Some locals wondered if the brown dusting was a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ consequence of climate change. However, all became clear after the local chocolate manufacturer (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the brown shower was the result of a malfunction at its factory. The chocolate maker Lindt confirmed that a minor defect in its cooling ventilation systems allowed gusty winds to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ up chocolate dust and sprinkle it over the town.

Many parts of the town were covered in a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ layer of light brown, milk-chocolate-flavoured dust. A representative from Lindt offered to pay for any cleaning services required (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a result of the event. To (9) \_\_\_\_\_, no one has asked for help. The spokeswoman reassured people in the vicinity of the factory that crushed cocoa beans are harmless to human health and the environment. She added that factory engineers are currently working (10) \_\_\_\_\_ repairing the technical hitch. The cocoa-dust incident led to a lot of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on social media. A Twitter user wrote: "Chocolate snowflakes falling from the sky, dreams do come true." Another tweeter posted a comment saying: "I'm dreaming of a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |             |              |             |              |
|-----|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) renewed | (b) renowned | (c) reunion | (d) renegade |
| 2.  | (a) of      | (b) for      | (c) as      | (d) to       |
| 3.  | (a) ages    | (b) weeks    | (c) years   | (d) lives    |
| 4.  | (a) quorum  | (b) bizarre  | (c) svelte  | (d) vacuous  |
| 5.  | (a) reared  | (b) revved   | (c) revered | (d) revealed |
| 6.  | (a) stroke  | (b) lash     | (c) whip    | (d) flog     |
| 7.  | (a) fine    | (b) top      | (c) bottom  | (d) brick    |
| 8.  | (a) was     | (b) has      | (c) as      | (d) is       |
| 9.  | (a) years   | (b) age      | (c) month   | (d) date     |
| 10. | (a) on      | (b) as       | (c) to      | (d) of       |
| 11. | (a) banter  | (b) canter   | (c) ranter  | (d) barter   |
| 12. | (a) white   | (b) black    | (c) brown   | (d) snowy    |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. Switzerland is ndrenwoe the world over
2. earned an international piuettanro
3. a rzabeir consequence of climate change
4. a minor ftdece
5. cooling nolniatviet systems
6. whip up chocolate dust and klesnirp it

## Paragraph 2

7. A raerstpneeitve from Lindt
8. cleaning services ieurqedr
9. in the ytniiciv of the factory
10. factory seingnere
11. repairing the technical ihhct
12. a lot of ebntar on social media

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) ventilation systems allowed gusty winds to whip up chocolate dust and sprinkle it over the town.
- ( ) reputation for its premium chocolate brands. However, residents in the Swiss town
- ( ) engineers are currently working on repairing the technical hitch. The cocoa-dust
- ( ) wondered if the brown dusting was a bizarre consequence of climate change. However, all became
- ( ) Many parts of the town were covered in a fine layer of light brown, milk-chocolate-flavoured dust. A representative
- ( ) clear after the local chocolate manufacturer revealed the brown shower was the result
- ( ) from Lindt offered to pay for any cleaning services required as a result of the event. To date, no
- ( **1** ) Switzerland is renowned the world over for the quality of its chocolate. The nation has earned an international
- ( ) factory that crushed cocoa beans are harmless to human health and the environment. She added that factory
- ( ) of a malfunction at its factory. The chocolate maker Lindt confirmed that a minor defect in its cooling
- ( ) one has asked for help. The spokeswoman reassured people in the vicinity of the
- ( ) the sky, dreams do come true." Another tweeter posted a comment saying: "I'm dreaming of a brown Christmas."
- ( ) of Olten, near Zurich, got the surprise of their lives earlier this week when it started snowing chocolate. Some locals
- ( ) incident led to a lot of banter on social media. A Twitter user wrote: "Chocolate snowflakes falling from

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

1. is for over the world chocolate . Switzerland renowned
2. an premium chocolate . its international reputation for Earned
3. got lives earlier . surprise Residents the their of
4. a shower result The malfunction . was of the
5. in systems . its defect minor cooling A ventilation
6. layer . town a fine The covered in was
7. one help . asked no date, has for To
8. in spokeswoman vicinity . people reassured the The
9. on technical working hitch . the repairing currently Engineers
10. to of led cocoa-dust The incident banter . lots

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

Switzerland is *renewed* / *renowned* the world over for the quality of its chocolate. The nation has *earned* / *earnings* an international reputation for its premium chocolate *bland* / *brands*. However, residents in the Swiss town of Olten, near Zurich, got the surprise *of* / *by* their lives earlier this week when it started snowing chocolate. Some locals *wondered* / *wandered* if the brown dusting was a bizarre consequence of climate change. However, *every* / *all* became clear after the local chocolate manufacturer revealed the brown shower was the result *on* / *of* a malfunction at its factory. The chocolate maker Lindt confirmed that a minor defect *in* / *as* its cooling ventilation systems allowed gusty winds to whip *down* / *up* chocolate dust and *sprinkle* / *twinkle* it over the town.

Many parts of the town were *covering* / *covered* in a fine layer of light brown, milk-chocolate-flavoured *lust* / *dust*. A representative from Lindt offered to pay for any cleaning services required *was* / *as* a result of the event. To *day* / *date*, no one has asked for help. The spokeswoman reassured people *on* / *in* the vicinity of the factory that crushed cocoa beans are *harmless* / *harmful* to human health and the environment. She added that factory engineers are currently working on repairing the technical *pitch* / *hitch*. The cocoa-dust incident led to a lot of *banter* / *canter* on social media. A Twitter user wrote: "Chocolate snowflakes falling from the sky, dreams do come *truth* / *true*." Another tweeter posted a comment saying: "I'm *dreaming* / *deeming* of a brown Christmas."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

S w \_ t z \_ r l \_ n d \_ s \_ r \_ n \_ w \_ n \_ d \_ t h \_ w \_ r l d \_ v \_ r \_ f \_ r \_ t  
h \_ q \_ \_ l \_ t \_ y \_ f \_ t \_ s \_ c h \_ c \_ l \_ t \_ . T h \_ n \_ t \_ \_ n \_ h \_ s \_ \_  
r \_ n \_ d \_ \_ n \_ \_ n \_ t \_ r \_ n \_ t \_ \_ n \_ l \_ r \_ p \_ t \_ t \_ \_ n \_ f \_ r \_ t \_ s \_ p  
r \_ m \_ \_ m \_ c h \_ c \_ l \_ t \_ b \_ r \_ n \_ d \_ s . H \_ w \_ v \_ r , \_ r \_ s \_ d \_ n \_ t \_ s  
\_ n \_ t h \_ S \_ w \_ s \_ s \_ t \_ w \_ n \_ f \_ O \_ l \_ t \_ n , \_ n \_ \_ r \_ Z \_ r \_ c \_ h ,  
g \_ t \_ t h \_ s \_ r \_ p \_ r \_ s \_ \_ f \_ t h \_ \_ r \_ l \_ v \_ s \_ \_ r \_ l \_ \_ r \_ t h \_ s  
w \_ \_ k \_ w h \_ n \_ t \_ s \_ t \_ r \_ t \_ d \_ s \_ n \_ w \_ n \_ g \_ c h \_ c \_ l \_ t \_ . S \_ m \_  
l \_ c \_ l \_ s \_ w \_ n \_ d \_ r \_ d \_ \_ f \_ t h \_ b \_ r \_ w \_ n \_ d \_ s \_ t \_ n \_ g \_ w \_ s \_ \_  
b \_ z \_ r \_ r \_ c \_ n \_ s \_ q \_ \_ n \_ c \_ \_ f \_ c \_ l \_ m \_ t \_ c h \_ n \_ g \_ . H \_ w \_ v \_ r ,  
\_ l \_ l \_ b \_ c \_ m \_ c \_ l \_ \_ r \_ \_ f \_ t \_ r \_ t h \_ l \_ c \_ l \_ c h \_ c \_ l \_ t \_  
m \_ n \_ f \_ c \_ t \_ r \_ r \_ r \_ v \_ \_ l \_ d \_ t h \_ b \_ r \_ w \_ n \_ s h \_ w \_ r \_ w \_ s \_ t  
h \_ r \_ s \_ l \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ m \_ l \_ f \_ n \_ c \_ t \_ \_ n \_ t \_ t \_ s \_ f \_ c \_ t \_ r \_ y . T h \_  
c h \_ c \_ l \_ t \_ m \_ k \_ r \_ L \_ n \_ d \_ t \_ c \_ n \_ f \_ r \_ m \_ d \_ t h \_ t \_ \_ m \_ n \_ r  
d \_ f \_ c \_ t \_ \_ n \_ t \_ s \_ c \_ \_ l \_ n \_ g \_ v \_ n \_ t \_ l \_ t \_ \_ n \_ s \_ y \_ s \_ t \_ m \_ s \_ l  
l \_ w \_ d \_ g \_ s \_ t \_ y \_ w \_ n \_ d \_ s \_ t \_ w h \_ p \_ \_ p \_ c h \_ c \_ l \_ t \_ d \_ s \_ t  
\_ n \_ d \_ s \_ p \_ r \_ n \_ k \_ l \_ \_ t \_ \_ v \_ r \_ t h \_ t \_ w \_ n .

M \_ n \_ y \_ p \_ r \_ t \_ s \_ \_ f \_ t h \_ t \_ w \_ n \_ w \_ r \_ c \_ v \_ r \_ d \_ \_ n \_ \_ f \_ n \_  
l \_ y \_ r \_ \_ f \_ l \_ g \_ h \_ t \_ b \_ r \_ w \_ n , \_ m \_ l \_ k \_ - \_ c h \_ c \_ l \_ t \_ - \_ f \_ l \_ v \_ \_  
r \_ d \_ d \_ s \_ t . A \_ r \_ p \_ r \_ s \_ n \_ t \_ t \_ v \_ \_ f \_ r \_ m \_ L \_ n \_ d \_ t \_ \_ f \_ f \_ r \_ d  
t \_ \_ p \_ y \_ \_ f \_ r \_ \_ n \_ y \_ c \_ l \_ \_ n \_ n \_ g \_ s \_ r \_ v \_ c \_ s \_ r \_ q \_ \_ r \_ d \_ \_ s  
\_ \_ r \_ s \_ l \_ t \_ \_ f \_ t h \_ \_ v \_ n \_ t . T \_ \_ d \_ t \_ , \_ n \_ \_ n \_ \_ h \_ s \_ \_ s \_ k \_ d  
f \_ r \_ h \_ l \_ p . T h \_ s \_ p \_ k \_ s \_ w \_ m \_ n \_ r \_ \_ s \_ s \_ r \_ d \_ p \_ \_ p \_ l \_  
\_ n \_ t h \_ v \_ c \_ n \_ t \_ y \_ \_ f \_ t h \_ f \_ c \_ t \_ r \_ y \_ t h \_ t \_ c \_ r \_ s \_ h \_ d  
c \_ c \_ \_ b \_ \_ n \_ s \_ \_ r \_ h \_ r \_ m \_ l \_ s \_ s \_ t \_ h \_ m \_ n \_ h \_ \_ l \_ t \_ h \_ \_ n  
d \_ t h \_ \_ n \_ v \_ r \_ n \_ m \_ n \_ t . S h \_ \_ d \_ d \_ d \_ t h \_ t \_ f \_ c \_ t \_ r \_ y \_ \_ n  
g \_ n \_ \_ r \_ s \_ \_ r \_ c \_ r \_ r \_ n \_ t \_ l \_ y \_ w \_ r \_ k \_ n \_ g \_ \_ n \_ r \_ p \_ \_ r \_ n \_ g \_ t  
h \_ t \_ c \_ h \_ n \_ c \_ l \_ h \_ t \_ c \_ h . T h \_ c \_ c \_ \_ - \_ d \_ s \_ t \_ \_ n \_ c \_ d \_ n \_ t  
l \_ d \_ t \_ \_ l \_ t \_ \_ f \_ b \_ n \_ t \_ r \_ \_ n \_ s \_ c \_ \_ l \_ m \_ d \_ \_ . A T w \_ t  
t \_ r \_ \_ s \_ r \_ w \_ r \_ t \_ : " C h \_ c \_ l \_ t \_ s \_ n \_ w \_ f \_ l \_ k \_ s \_ f \_ l \_ l \_ n \_ g \_ f  
r \_ m \_ t h \_ s \_ k \_ y , \_ d \_ r \_ \_ m \_ s \_ d \_ c \_ m \_ t \_ r \_ \_ . " A n \_ t  
h \_ r \_ t \_ w \_ \_ t \_ r \_ p \_ s \_ t \_ d \_ \_ c \_ m \_ m \_ n \_ t \_ s \_ y \_ n \_ g \_ : " I ' m  
d \_ r \_ \_ m \_ n \_ g \_ \_ f \_ \_ b \_ r \_ w \_ n \_ C h \_ r \_ s \_ t \_ m \_ s \_ . "

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

switzerland is renowned the world over for the quality of its chocolate the nation has earned an international reputation for its premium chocolate brands however residents in the swiss town of olten near zurich got the surprise of their lives earlier this week when it started snowing chocolate some locals wondered if the brown dusting was a bizarre consequence of climate change however all became clear after the local chocolate manufacturer revealed the brown shower was the result of a malfunction at its factory the chocolate maker lindt confirmed that a minor defect in its cooling ventilation systems allowed gusty winds to whip up chocolate dust and sprinkle it over the town

many parts of the town were covered in a fine layer of light brown milkchocolateflavoured dust a representative from lindt offered to pay for any cleaning services required as a result of the event to date no one has asked for help the spokeswoman reassured people in the vicinity of the factory that crushed cocoa beans are harmless to human health and the environment she added that factory engineers are currently working on repairing the technical hitch the cocoadust incident led to a lot of banter on social media a twitter user wrote chocolate snowflakes falling from the sky dreams do come true another tweeter posted a comment saying im dreaming of a brown christmas

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200823-swiss-chocolate.html>

Switzerland is renowned the world over for the quality of its chocolate. The nation has earned an international reputation for its premium chocolate brands. However, residents in the Swiss town of Olten, near Zurich, got the surprise of their lives earlier this week when it started snowing chocolate. Some locals wondered if the brown dusting was a bizarre consequence of climate change. However, all became clear after the local chocolate manufacturer revealed the brown shower was the result of a malfunction at its factory. The chocolate maker Lindt confirmed that a minor defect in its cooling ventilation system allowed gusty wind to whip up chocolate dusts and sprinkle it over the town. Many parts of the town were covered in a fine layer of light brown, milk-chocolate-flavoured dust. A representative from Lindt offered to pay for any cleaning services required as a result of the event. To date, no one has asked for help. The spokeswoman reassured people in the vicinity of the factory that crushed cocoa beans are harmless to human health and the environment. She added that factory engineers are currently working on repairing the technical hitch. The cocoa-dust incident led to a lot of banter on social media. A Twitter user wrote: "Chocolate snowflakes falling from the sky, dreams do come true." Another tweeter posted a comment saying: "I'm dreaming of a brown Christmas."







# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CHOCOLATE:** Make a poster about chocolate. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. FREE CHOCOLATE:** Write a magazine article about giving people free chocolate. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on chocolate. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. g    6. e    7. c  
8. m    9. h    10. i    11. l    12. k    13. n    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b T    c F    d F    e F    f T    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. d	3. j	4. f	5. b
6. c	7. a	8. g	9. e	10. i

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Premium chocolate brands
- Zurich
- Climate change
- A factory malfunction
- Gusty winds
- Cleaning services
- None
- Crushed cocoa beans
- On social media
- A brown Christmas

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Switzerland is renowned the world over for chocolate.
- Earned an international reputation for its premium chocolate.
- Residents got the surprise of their lives earlier.
- The shower was the result of a malfunction.
- A minor defect in its cooling ventilation systems.
- The town was covered in a fine layer.
- To date, no one has asked for help.
- The spokeswoman reassured people in the vicinity.
- Engineers currently working on repairing the technical hitch.
- The cocoa-dust incident led to lots of banter.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c    2. a    3. a    4. b    5. d    6. b    7. a    8. c    9. d    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)