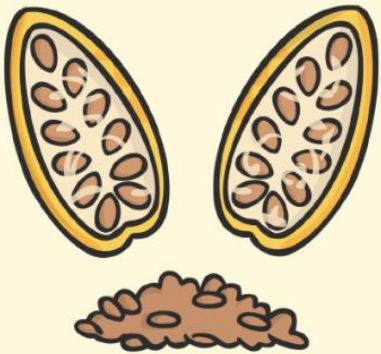


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Finally, the chocolate is packaged and sent to the shops to be sold.

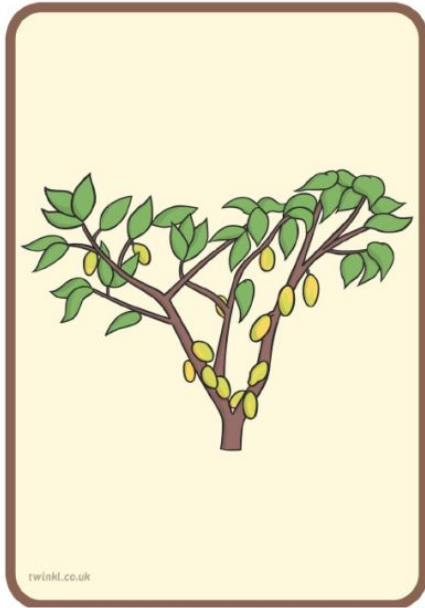
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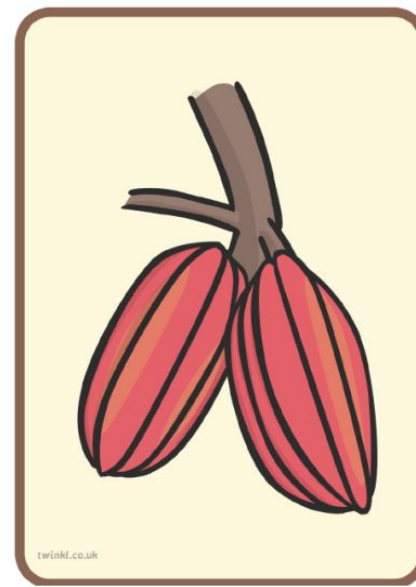
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The pods are split open with a machete and the cocoa beans are removed.

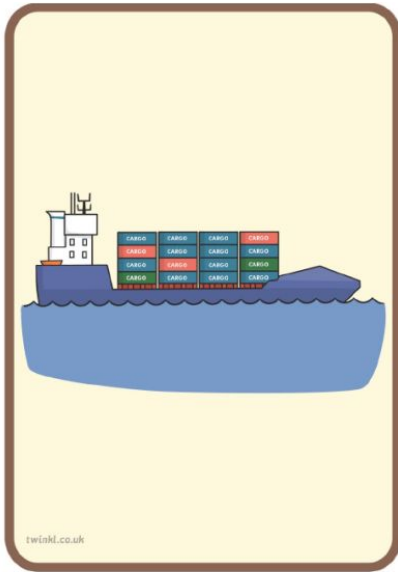
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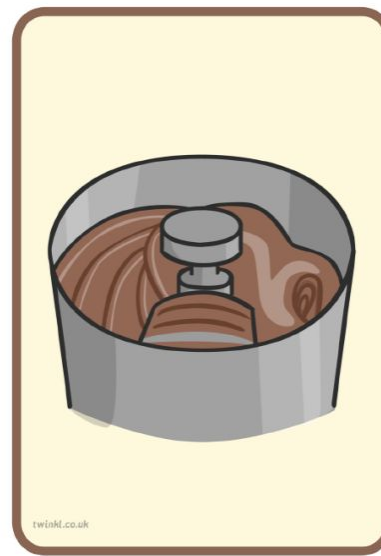
Cacao trees are grown  
in large plantations  
in tropical regions.



After 6 months, the  
cocoa pods are ripe  
and they are harvested.



The beans are shipped to chocolate factories all over the world.



The shells are removed and the beans are ground into a thick liquid.