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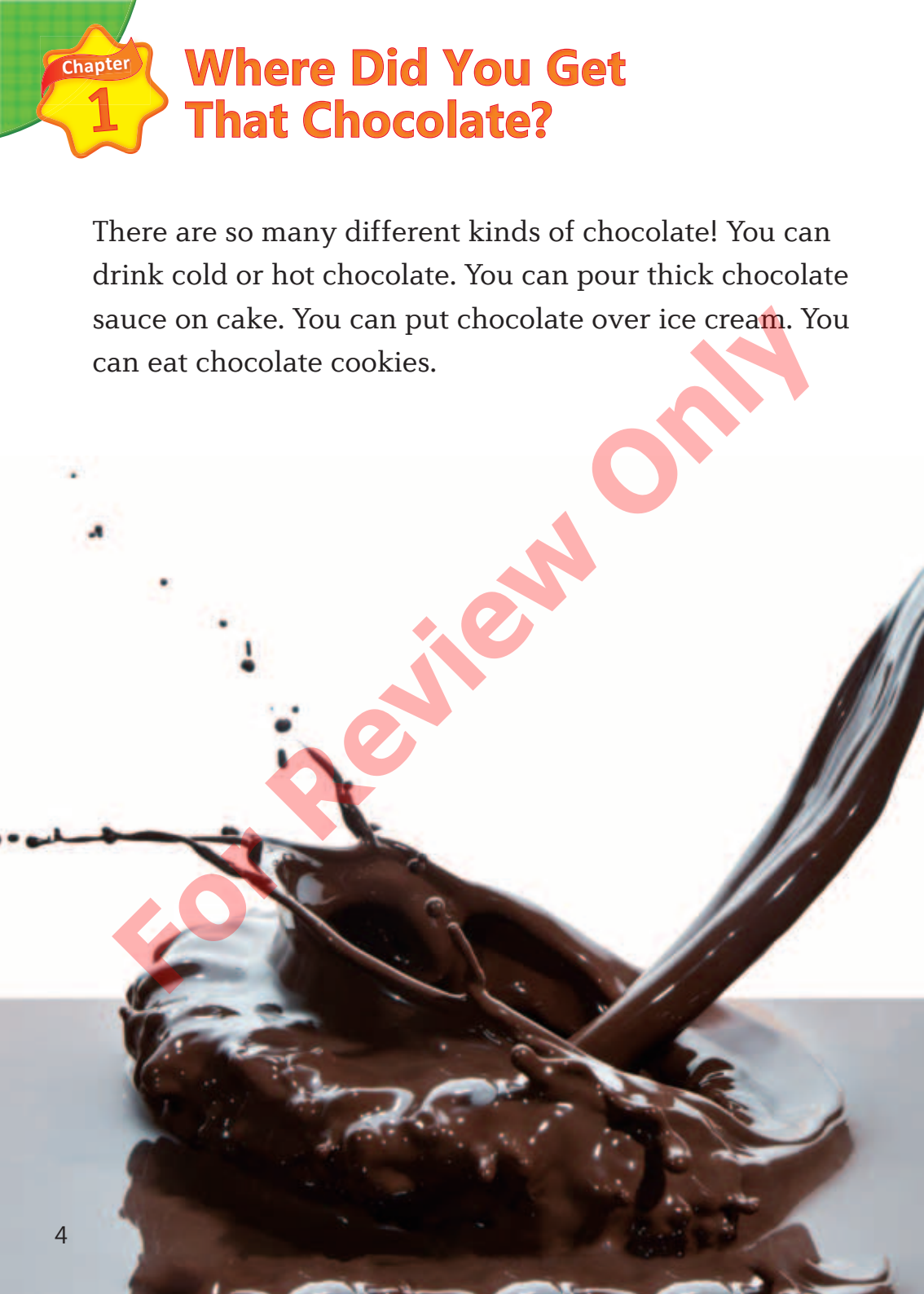
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Where Did You Get That Chocolate?

There are so many different kinds of chocolate! You can drink cold or hot chocolate. You can pour thick chocolate sauce on cake. You can put chocolate over ice cream. You can eat chocolate cookies.





Do you like chocolate bars? There are white chocolates and dark chocolates. There are milk chocolates and **bittersweet** chocolates. Some have nuts. Some have fruit. Some are just chocolate. What is your favorite?



Use these ingredients to make Mexican sauces.

You can also buy baker's chocolate. It looks like regular chocolate, but it has no sugar in it! Not all chocolate is sweet. Delicious chocolate sauces can be made with chili peppers. These sauces make Mexican food taste very good.

If Chocolate Grew on Trees

Where do you get your chocolate? Imagine if chocolate grew on trees. In a way, it does! Chocolate comes from the seeds of the **cacao** tree. This tree grows in warm areas around the world. Central and South America, the Caribbean, and parts of Africa all have cacao trees.

This is a cacao tree in South America.



The cacao tree can grow up to forty feet high. It has large pods. Inside the pods are big seeds. These seeds are used to make the chocolate that we drink and eat.



This is a freshly cut **cocoa pod** exposing cocoa seeds, with a cocoa plant in the background.



There are different kinds of cacao trees. Their seeds have slightly different flavors. They do not taste like chocolate at first. There is a special way to give them that taste.