

Chocolate Dreams



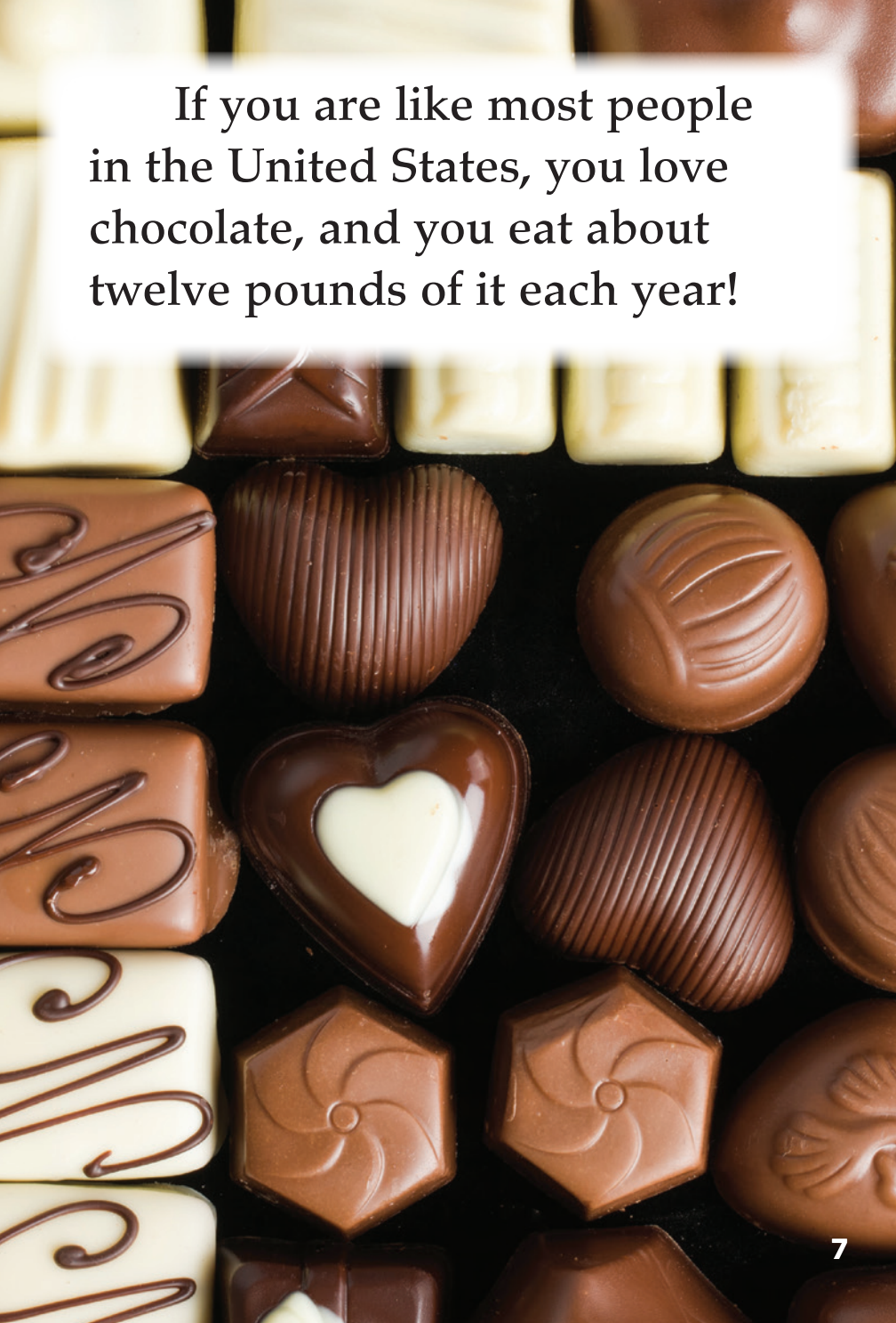
Close your eyes and imagine
your favorite chocolate **candy**.



Think about how it smells.
Think about the taste. Think
about how it melts in your mouth.

Mmmmm! Are you ready
for some chocolate now?






If you are like most people in the United States, you love chocolate, and you eat about twelve pounds of it each year!

Where Does Chocolate Come From?





Cacao (kuh-KAH-oh) comes from the Spanish word that means “food of the gods.”

Chocolate is made from the seeds of the **cacao tree**. The seeds grow inside **cacao pods**. They are called *cocoa beans*.

They should really be called **cacao beans**. But long ago, English speaking people spelled the word *cacao* wrong by mistake. People have just kept it that way.

