

1.

- a. Look at the pictures below. Name the jobs. What do they have in common?
- b. Which ones would you like to do? Why?



2.
  - a. Name **two countries** where you can find cocoa farms.
  - b. Do you think it would be **easy** or **difficult** to work on a cocoa farm? Why?
3.
  - a. Some **children** work on cocoa farms. Have you heard about this? Tell your partner what you know.
  - b. **Aly Diabate** is a child who used to work on a cocoa farm. Read the text. Would you like to work on the same cocoa farm? Why/why not?



## Who makes *your* chocolate?

There are about **600,000 cocoa farms** in Cote d'Ivoire. Around **15,000 children** work on the farms. They are slaves. This is illegal.

The cocoa farmers treat the children very badly. They do not give the children money or feed them properly. Often the children only eat corn for breakfast, lunch or dinner but they have to work very, very hard.

The farmers lock the children up at night so they don't escape.



## Aly Diabate was a child slave:

Aly Diabate is from Mali. Mali is a country near Cote d'Ivoire. He was eleven years old when he went to work on a cocoa farm in Cote d'Ivoire. They said that they would give him a bicycle. He also wanted to help his parents with the money he got.

However, life on the cocoa farm was very different. Aly and the other workers had to work from 6.00 in the morning to 6:30 at night.



Aly was very short, so the bags of cocoa beans were taller than him. The bags were very heavy and difficult to carry. He always fell down. The farmer beat him until he stood back up and lifted the bag again. The farmers beat Aly a lot because they said he never worked hard enough.

The farmers did not give Aly and the other slaves good food: they only ate burnt bananas. Aly has never tasted chocolate...

*Adapted from: <http://www1.american.edu/ted/chocolate-slave.htm>*

4. Write down **three** things you have learnt about life as a **child worker** on a **cocoa farm**.

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5.

- a. Have you seen this symbol before? Where? What does it mean?
- b. How can it help children like Aly?



6.

- a. How can you help children like Aly?
- b. Work alone or in pairs. Write a letter to Nestle chocolate company. Tell Nestle what you know about child workers in West Africa. Ask them to become a Fair Trade company and make chocolate bars with chocolate that does not use child workers.

Your address:

Nestlé Headquarters  
Nestlé S.A.  
Avenue Nestlé 55  
1800 Vevey  
Switzerland

Date:

Dear Sir/Madam the manager of Nestlé,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_. I was very angry  
and sad to learn about the child slaves you use to make your chocolate.

Yours sincerely,

