

I THINK THAT I WILL NEVER SEE A POEM AS TASTY AS A TREE

1 FILL IN THE BLANK!

A Take a glance at this picture and you'll get a glimpse of a favorite food of most monkeys and chimps. It's grown in the regions of tropical rains. You won't find it in deserts or out on the plains. Most monkeys won't live on the sunny savannahs—just too many lions and too few _____.



2 NOW, MATCH EACH PLANT TO ITS FOOD!

B Those green *husks* that you see hold a nut that's delicious in ice cream and cakes and in other sweet dishes. The tree is majestic, it offers us shade and a wood from which some of our furniture's made. Yes, this tree gives us something to sit down and eat, and sometimes it graciously serves as the seat. Their cookies! Their couches! It seems that we're *all* nuts 'bout our friends of the forest, our big buddies, _____.



C Those pleasing white blossoms—they might on their own be reason enough for why *these* trees are grown. But the trees bear a fruit that has hundreds of uses. It's made into sauces and ciders and juices. All fifty states grow them, and maybe that's why there's nothing as American as a nice _____ pie.



D This *cacao* tree grows in what's now Mexico. There's an interesting story: A long time ago, the king of the Aztecs, the great Montezuma, served those beans to their very first foreign consumer, the famous Cortez, who went right back to Spain to tell of the treats that one bean can contain. No wonder those beans were the talk of all Europe. From them we get cocoa and _____ syrup!



3 FUN FACTS!

CHOCOLATE

Theobroma cacao, the scientific name of the tree from which we get chocolate, means "food of the gods."

Europeans drank sweetened hot cocoa for more than 300 years before they discovered a way to eat chocolate. An English company began to sell solid chocolate in 1847.

APPLE

There are more than a thousand different kinds of apples.

Johnny Appleseed was a real guy. His name was John Chapman. Early in the 1800s, he took it upon himself to plant apple trees along the Ohio River so that settlers would always have something nutritious to eat.



BANANAS

The correct word for what we sometimes call a "bunch" of bananas is a "hand" of bananas. Each banana of the hand is called... well, you guessed it. A "finger."

Bananas are America's most popular fruit. The average American eats 33 pounds of bananas in a year.



WALNUTS

Walnuts and other nuts are so high in protein that doctors think of them as meat.

Hundreds of years ago, doctors in Italy thought walnuts could cure headaches. Why? They look so much like brains.



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