**Introductions**

1.

An ordinary piece of paper isn’t worth much at all, but a piece of paper money can be worth several thousand dollars A check can be worth millions Each printed bill is worth much more than the paper it’s printed on But why? Where did money come from, what makes money so valuable, and why do people want it?

3.

Can you relate to the following situation? A new movie just premiered, and you really wanted to buy a T-shirt featuring your favorite movie character However, you looked at the price tag,   
and it was expensive—really expensive After   
all, it was just a T-shirt! At the same time, part of you felt as though no amount of money was too much to pay for the T-shirt That’s how badly you wanted it Your parents likely disagreed.

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Ask people about their favorite sweet thing to eat, and they’ll probably say it’s chocolate People around the world love chocolate They love it so much that every year they eat more chocolate

than any other sweet

If you have ever wondered where chocolate comes from and how it’s made, then read on

2.

In 1994, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

approved a new kind of tomato for sale in the United States Called the Flavr Savr, the tomato was grown from seeds that researchers altered in a laboratory Unlike traditional tomatoes, this new variety stayed firm long after ripening This feature allowed the tomatoes to ripen longer on the vine before they were picked.

Flavr Savr tomatoes were clearly labeled as being grown from seeds that were genetically modified Initially, they sold very well Within two years, however, concerns over safety had turned public opinion against them They were removed from sale The argument over genetically modified organisms (GMOs) had begun.

5.

What are your favorite foods? Pizza? French fries?

Ice cream? Have you ever thought about what people in other parts of the world enjoy eating?

People usually cook foods that are naturally available where they live. As a result, many regions have special foods and snacks you may never have heard of. You might find someone eating crunchy caterpillars in Africa, raw fish in Asia, or honey ants in Australia!

Let’s take a taste trip to find out about some different foods and recipes found around the world.

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*Citius, Altius, Fortius.* These three Latin   
words, meaning “Faster, Higher, Stronger,” are   
the motto of the Olympic Games. All athletes   
who excel in any sport strive to outperform their   
competitors. But in Olympic competitions,   
winning means even more. Athletes who win   
Olympic gold medals are the best in all the world.

Did you ever wonder where the Olympic   
Games came from?