

THANK YOU FOR THE CHOCOLATE



“Yum! Thank you for the birthday chocolate Grandma!”



“You’re welcome!” smiled Grandma. “Although you should also say thank you to the shop keeper in town. I couldn’t have got it without him.”

Tom and his Grandma arrived at the shop.
“Hello, can I help you?” asked the shop keeper.



Tom grinned. “Thank you for the chocolate bar that my grandma bought from you for my birthday.”

“You are most welcome!” the shop keeper said. “Although it wouldn’t have arrived at my shop without the help of the lorry driver who delivers all of my chocolate bars.”



“You’re right! Let’s go!” said Tom. Tom, Grandma and the shopkeeper went to find the lorry driver.

“Hello?” asked the Lorry Driver. “Is everything ok?”



“Yes!” shouted Tom. “I just wanted to thank you for driving the lorry that carried the chocolate bar that the shopkeeper sold and that my grandma bought me for my birthday.”

The Lorry Driver smiled. “That’s no problem! Although they aren’t my chocolate bars. I got them from the worker who packs them at the factory.”



Tom, Grandma, the shopkeeper and the Lorry Driver went to find the worker at the factory.

“Hello!” said the worker. “Did you forget something?”



“I just wanted to thank you for packing the chocolate bar that the lorry driver drove, the shopkeeper sold and my grandma bought.” said Tom.

“Well I couldn’t have packed them if they hadn’t been made and wrapped in the factory!” explained the worker.



“Come on then – let’s go!” Tom, Grandma, the shopkeeper, the lorry driver and the worker went to find the chocolate maker.

“Welcome to the chocolate factory! Could you put a hair net on please?”



“Yes, of course!” said Tom, as he put his hair net on. “Thank you for making the chocolate bar that the packer packed, the lorry driver drove, the shop keeper sold and my grandma bought me for my birthday!”

“You’re welcome.” said the chocolate maker. “I wouldn’t have been able to make the chocolate without the cocoa that is brought from very far away on a big ship.”



“Good point!” everyone shouted. Tom, Grandma, the shopkeeper, the lorry driver, the worker and the chocolate maker went to find the shipper.”

“You’re lucky you caught me! I’m about to set sail.” said the shipper.



“Thank you for shipping the cocoa so that the chocolate maker could use it to make the chocolate bar that the packer packed, the lorry driver drove, the shop keeper sold and my grandma bought me for my birthday!” gasped Tom.

“No problem!” smiled the shipper. “I wouldn’t have been able to ship the cocoa if it hadn’t been grown in the first place.”



“You’re right!” Tom agreed. “None of this would happen without a very important person. Everybody onto the ship! This is going to be a longer journey!”



After the long journey overseas, they all arrived at the cocoa farm. Everyone was excited to meet the farmer. “Thank you for growing the cocoa in my chocolate bar. You grew the cocoa that the shipper shipped, the chocolate maker used to make the chocolate bars that the packer packed, the lorry driver drove, the shopkeeper sold and my grandma bought me for my birthday!”



“My cocoa beans have been on quite a journey!” said the cocoa farmer. “Thank you for coming all this way to thank me. Cocoa farmers work very hard to grow the cocoa beans that make your chocolate bar so tasty.”



“Wow! It’s because of you and your cocoa beans that this chocolate bar tastes so delicious...” realised Tom. “How can we thank you for your hard work every time we buy a chocolate bar if you live so far away?”



Grandma smiled. “Every time you buy a chocolate bar with the FAIRTRADE Mark, farmers and workers are paid fairly for their hard work. That is a special way of saying thank you!”

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