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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## Words in the News

### Giant Easter egg



*NB: This is not a word-for-word transcript*

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#### Transcript

**Melted** chocolate – now that's a **mouth-watering** sight.

This chocolatier in the English county of Lincolnshire has been working hard to create big eggs **in the run-up to** Easter. But not this one – that one!

Over 100kg of chocolate was used to create the two-metre-tall egg.

But Jan Hensen knows it is too much even for his **chocoholic** clients. He says he'll sell it in pieces to raise money for **charity**.

#### Vocabulary

##### **melted**

something solid turned into liquid

##### **mouth-watering**

so delicious that it makes you salivate

##### **in the run-up to**

in the period leading to a particular event

##### **chocoholic**

someone addicted to chocolate

##### **charity**

a system of giving help, such as money, to people who don't have enough for basic life

**Watch the video online: Giant Easter egg** <http://bbc.in/1EBZ4bF>

## Exercise

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from news reports. Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

**melted / mouth-watering / in the run-up to / chocoholic / charity**

1. Despite its reputation for being a sedate pastime for older people, students have described short-mat bowls as being "really good fun".

"\_\_\_\_\_ exams it is a great way to de-stress," said Mr Priday.

2. The opening night performance of an ice skating show in Birmingham has been cancelled because the ice \_\_\_\_\_, promoters have said.

3. Five years ago, billionaire investor Warren Buffett and Microsoft founder Bill Gates launched the campaign The Giving Pledge.

It aims to convince billionaires to give at least half of their fortunes to \_\_\_\_\_. Mr Zuckerberg and over 100 others have so far signed up to the "moral commitment".

4. A trolley selling sandwiches stood where once the onboard chef in pristine whites could be found creating \_\_\_\_\_ dishes like flambéed Bourbon shrimp or zesty brochette of Dijon lamb.

5. It might sound like a \_\_\_\_\_'s dream - enough cocoa to make five billion bars of the nation's favourite treat.

## Answers

1. Despite its reputation for being a sedate pastime for older people, students have described short-mat bowls as being "really good fun".

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**Source:** Bristol school pupils play bowls to beat stress  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-31984853>

2. The opening night performance of an ice skating show in Birmingham has been cancelled because the ice **melted**, promoters have said.

**Source:** 'Melted ice' cancels NIA Celebrities on ice skating show  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-22226979>

3. Five years ago, billionaire investor Warren Buffett and Microsoft founder Bill Gates launched the campaign The Giving Pledge.

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**Source:** Apple boss Tim Cook 'to donate millions' to charity  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-32098615>

4. A trolley selling sandwiches stood where once the onboard chef in pristine whites could be found creating **mouth-watering** dishes like flambéed Bourbon shrimp or zesty brochette of Dijon lamb.

**Source:** Could the dining car ever make a comeback?  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-30207795>

5. It might sound like a **chocoholic's** dream - enough cocoa to make five billion bars of the nation's favourite treat.

**Source:** Who, What, Why: Will chocolate prices rocket at Christmas?  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-10684323>