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Convince the Farmers

An activity of "Fighting deforestation with cacao"

Read **"Fighting deforestation with cacao"** (page 10, *What's Up* March 2020).

The farmers in Bicol made a good decision when they chose to grow cacao. However, they only did so because Louise Mabulo helped convince them that it was a good idea.

Imagine you are Louise Mabulo and you are trying to convince the farmers to grow cacao. In pairs, write a short speech about the merits of the cacao plant. Explain why cacao is a better idea than some other traditional crops.

Before you start writing, think about the following:

1. How can the farmers benefit from growing cacao?
2. How does growing cacao affect the environment?
3. Why is cacao a better option compared to some other crops such as rice or coconuts?

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