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## **CAMEROON COLLECTION**

(Please use the boxes on the right to check items **IN** and then **OUT** before you return the collection.

**IN OUT**

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| <b>Drinking horns x 2</b>  | Traditional drinking vessels for palm wine, used by men especially village elders; originally made from cattle horns, these examples are earthenware.  |    |     |
| <b>Marriage chains (wooden)</b>  | Wedding gift to bring wealth, luck and fertility to husband and wife.  |    |     |
| <b>Calabash bowls x 2</b>  | These have carved decorations and hanging strings so would be used as decorative as well as practical items.   |    |     |
| <b>Mother and baby doll</b>  | Made from palm leaves with painted calabash heads.   |    |     |
| <b>Jigsaw puzzles X2</b>   | Village scene and map of Africa.   |    |     |
| <b>Toy car</b>   | Made from peeled bamboo, old flip-flops and rubber. Toys like this are made to provide a source of income or just as toys.   |    |     |
| <b>Wooden toy gymnast</b>  |  |    |     |
| <b>Embroidered dress</b>   | Black traditional dress of North West province of Cameroon with hat.   |    |     |
| <b>White dress and matching head scarf</b>                               | Style is common throughout Central and West Africa; common wear on Sundays for women's gatherings, marriage ceremonies etc.  |    |     |
| <b>Skirt and matching blouse</b>   | Indigo printed patterns (black with small blue dots - white background).   |    |     |
| <b>Skirt and matching blouse - 2 pieces</b>                              | Indigo printed horse with rider pattern, flower trim around neck.  |    |     |
| <b>Everyday dress</b>  | Indigo flower and tree patterns, blue 'lace' trim around neck.   |    |     |
| <b>Everyday dress and matching head scarf</b>                            | Printed geometric patterns – 'damson' background.  |    |     |
| <b>Everyday dress</b>  | Printed geometric patterns – black background.   |    |     |
| <b>Mersh – synthetic hair x1 pack</b>                                    | In various colours (blonde, browns, black) used for hair braiding and extensions, cost about 80p a packet.   |    |     |
| <b>Asang – fly whisk x 4</b>   | Used in traditional dances; made out of plastic, shredded fertilizer bags, wood and leather.   |    |     |
| <b>Shakers x 2</b>   | Woven bamboo filled with Guinea corn.<br>Calabash (outer skin of egussi – melon) with Guinea corn threaded onto thin twine lattice.<br>Shakers are used in traditional dancing and in some houses for decoration. The calabash (egussi shell) has great significance in Cameroon; it is associated with traditional rites.               |    |     |
| <b>Rattlers – pair of leg shakers</b>                                    | Made from thick twine and the hard shells of various nuts; used for dancing mostly by the traditional 'ju ju'.   |    |     |
| <b>Shopping Bag</b>  | With pink and green check pattern.   |    |     |
| <b>Wooden 'drum' and stick</b>   | Double ended, 2 tone percussion instrument with striker.   |    |     |
| <b>Soap (savon)</b>  | Made fro palm oil (from palm nuts) caustic soda etc., used for both bathing and laundry.   |    |     |
| <b>Gong</b>  | Made from iron, fibre and wood with attached striker; used in dancing and by the town crier.   |    |     |
| <b>Cameroon flags<br/>(1 large cotton flag,<br/>6 small nylon flags)</b> | Green, red, yellow with 5-pointed star in the centre.<br>Green represents the land.<br>Red represents the blood of those who died in the fight for independence.<br>Yellow represents the sun and happiness.<br>The star represents unity between Cameroonians – Cameroon is made up of 2 former countries, French and British Cameroon. |    |     |



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| <b>Leather purses x 2</b>         | One contains two bead and glass bracelets with two 100 franc coins (from neighbouring Chad and Gabon). The other contains a cola nut. These can be eaten when fresh and have a bitter taste.<br>Used in traditional ceremonies (as in other parts of Central and West Africa).<br>There is a local saying 'He who brings cola brings life'. |  |  |
| <b>Coffee beans</b>               | Coffee is grown extensively in cameroon and is a major export.  |  |  |
| <b>Coffee packs x 2</b>           | Roasted and ground locally, but most coffee is exported as raw beans.   |  |  |
| <b>Fish bottle opener</b>         | 2 screws in carved wooden fish.<br>(NB in Cameroon most soft drinks are sold in returnable glass bottles – bottle tops are recycled for use in various ways eg in shakers, as counters etc).  |  |  |
| <b>7 x A4 plastic wallets</b>     | Schools & Nature. Games & Family. Market & transport.<br>Homes & Food. People Working & Traditional Dancing.<br>Newspapers & Magazines. Laminated info sheet - contains a list of suggestions for using Cameroon in the curriculum.   |  |  |
| <b>A4 laminated map of Africa</b> | (in plastic wallet with jigsaws).   |  |  |
| <b>A0 map of Cameroon</b>         | (in plastic wallet with jigsaws).   |  |  |
| <b>A3 Book</b>                    | L'Ouest Cameroun. Photographs & descriptions in French with English translations.   |  |  |

For further information on West Africa, please also refer to:

- GLADE Ghana Collections.
- GLADE Literacy Collections – The Talking Cloth, Kofi and His Magic, A Triangle for Adaora.
- West Africa Instrument Collection.
- A Day in a Life....Ghana Pack.