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GLADE ZAMBIA 1 COLLECTION (updated Jan 2012)

Two large green boxes, a tonga basket with lid, and one separate item (fish trap).

CHECK LIST. Please use columns on right to check items in and out Return items to boxes you found them in.

Note: The Blue Folder in Box 1 includes a copy of this list, teachers' notes, thumbnails of all the photos in the photopacks, website addresses and other photocopyable resources.

IN BOX 1

		IN	OUT
Blue Folder	Explains the contents of the collection in detail, plus teaching ideas. LOOK AT THIS BEFORE YOU START!		
3 Photo Collections	Mixed Bag – from a variety of Zambian settings. Children – young children from well off and from poor backgrounds. Buildings – to remove 'mud hut' stereotypes and for maths shapes.		
FOOD & COOKING ITEMS			
Green Plastic Bowl	Zambians always wash their hands before eating and a bowl and water container is passed around for this purpose. The host hot water onto each guest's hands in turn.		
Serving Basket	This shallow, circular patterned basket is of Tonga design.		
Conical Food Cover	Made of wire with grass around it, wrapped with raffia etc. From the North-Western province.		
Square Maize Sieve	Used to sieve ground maize ('mealy-meal'). Made from recycled wood and metal.		
Nshima Stirring Spoon	Large flat wooden spoon used in making nshima.		
Decorated Nshima Serving Spoon	This is the tourist version of the spoon used for dishing nshima in dollops onto a serving plate ready to eat.		
Brazier	Small-scale replica made from re-cycled metal.		
Enamel Plate	'Made in China' but of a style commonly used in Zambia.		
'Mosi' Lager Bottle	The light, very palatable maize lager brewed and drunk in Zambia.		
'Mosi' Beer Mat	Promotional beer mat from the 'Mosi' brewer.		
Head Ring	For carrying water pots on the head.		
Sugar Bowl with Lid	Made from wood. Used in Zambian homes but also popular with tourists. <i>Edge of bowl is chipped.</i>		
Wooden Cruet Set	Three small lidded salt pots with spoon and tray. Similar sets are displayed in homes as ornaments.		
TOURIST & CRAFT ITEMS			
Rectangular Copper Plaque of Water Carrier	The woman has a head ring for carrying the large pot on her head.		

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Large Circular Copper Plate	Village scene with termite hill.		
Copper Plaque of Lechwe	Shows the Zambian national animal. Rectangular		
Necklaces	Animal necklace and bead necklace		
Carved Wooden Goblet	Tourist item, but also used as ornaments in Zambian homes.		
Christmas Card	Made of straw, a tourist item that generates income for small workshops.		
Malachite Elephant	Malachite is copper carbonate, one of the minerals mined in the Zambian copper mines.		
Hat	Blue, 'Zambia, the real Africa'.		
T-Shirt 'Learn Bemba'	A few common greetings etc. in English and Bemba, the most commonly spoken language on the Copper Belt.		
Mask	Traditional design with concentric circles.		
GENERAL &	MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (For further household items see Box 2)		
6 Zambian Notes	k1, k20, k50, k100, k500, k5000 currency notes (k = kwacha).		
Glass Diptych	Decorative with 'friendship' motto, similar items are common in most homes.		
'Cobra' Wax Polish Tin	The red polish used almost universally by Zambians for kitchen and veranda floors.		
'Kitchen Party' Wrapping Paper	A kitchen party is held when a girl gets engaged to be married, and is an adaptation of traditional Zambian ceremonies. Only women are allowed to attend. Household items are given as presents.		
Assorted Plastic Bags	Note the advertising slogans. Young boys use plastic bags to make serviceable footballs for informal play.		
4 Table Mats	2 woven and 2 crochet. These are made by Zambian women as an extra money earner. Commonly found in Zambian homes.		
Calendar Tea Towel	Advertising Kafue Textiles – this industry no longer exists having been put out of business by foreign competition.		
Loofah	These are a type of gourd which are grown around village bath huts. They are dried, picked off and used as required.		
2 Hairdressing Items	Hair extensions. Yellow comb, mirror and brush set.		

IN BOX 2

Sweeping Brush	Made from local grasses. Used in every home and school.		
Mini Bamboo Mat	This was specially commissioned as a sample. Those used in Zambia are much larger. The bamboo lengths are bound together with re-cycled tyre strands.		
TOYS AND GAMES			
Football	Made of plastic bags bound together with tyre threads.		
Wire Vehicle	Made of re-cycled wire. Boys as young as 8 or 9 are expert at this.		
Lorry	Made of re-cycled oil container.		
Teddy in Bag	From an NGO providing soft toys for babies.		
Clay Doll <i>fragile</i>	Made from local clay. Sometimes made by and for adults as cult items.		
Clay Cow <i>fragile</i>	Made from local clay – not in good condition – note that the cow depicted is an African species – it has a slight hump.		

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INFORMATION,	BOOKS, LEARNING PACKS		
Information Pack	Contains map of Africa, map of Zambia, postcard of Zambia, leaflet including outline of Africa with unlabelled country, and photo-copiable outlines.		
2 x School Text Books	Grade 3 English, Parts 2 and 3.		
12 x Rainbow Reading Programme Books	Bemba story books for younger readers – children suggest what the story is about and guess some words. Children could make similar books in English for Zambian children. (One is a photocopy)		
Tourist Pack	A number of leaflets promoting Zambia's tourist industry. Watch out for how old these might be – although we will try to keep them updated. These are not listed individually and vary in number.		

IN RECTANGULAR TONGA BASKET

Chitenge Collection	The lidded basket uses typical Tonga weaving. Chitenges are two-metre lengths of cotton used for many purposes, mainly by women. 17 chitenges (see separate list below).		
Chitenge Outfit	Umbrella design top and straight skirt.		

SEPARATE ITEM

Fish Trap	Placed in the river with the wide end up-stream. Fish swim in with the current and are trapped. Untie narrow end to remove the fish.		
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CHITENGE COLLECTION in Tonga basket.

1. Brushes (as used for cleaning homes throughout Zambia). *Purple and black ground*
2. Swallows (which perhaps migrate to UK from Zambia each year). *Black on ochre.*
3. Lechwes (small deer) – Zambia's national animal. *Green and black on orange.*
4. Footballs etc. – many Zambians are football crazy. *Football etc on green and black*
5. Lions. *On blue and beige geometric pattern*
6. Zebras. *In circles pattern on black ground.*
7. Zambian eagle and heroes – symbolizing Zambian pride. *On black ground.*
8. Village scene with cockerels. *Aqua and terracotta ground in wide horizontal bands.*
9. Drums. *Black and white.*
10. Elephants. *Heads on purple and black ground.*
11. Large river fish – a very important part of Zambian diet. *On purple ground.*
12. Butterflies – some butterflies migrate from Zambia to the UK. *On deep blue ground.*
13. Extra-long chitenge – geometric design of fishes in river. *Pale blue on maroon.*
14. Geometric design of cones. *Black on orange and buff ground.*
15. Blue and black alphabet on white – a thin fabric designed for carrying babies.
16. Red flowers on green patterned background.
17. Blue and orange fan pattern on black background.

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What are chitenges used for in Zambia ?

1. As a shawl for a new-born baby.
2. For carrying a small baby on its mother's back – closeness to mother helps baby feel secure. Babies do not seem to cry much in Zambia.
3. Carrying a small child (a toddler perhaps) lower down on he back.
4. Coiled as a 'cushion' for the head when carrying water pots.
5. Tied as a scarf around the hips for dancing (men as well as women).
6. As an apron, worn for housework. Very significant as this is a 'badge of office' showing the importance of women in the home.
7. As a wrap-around skirt, worn with a blouse or T-shirt or with a matching top as part of a smart outfit.
8. For warmth, as a shawl on a cold night.
9. Sometimes by important men – tied as a cloak.
10. To wrap up belongings, with the four corners tied together – carried on the head.
11. To wrap up cooking pots full of food to carry on the head.
12. To sit on.
13. To create all sorts of wonderful headdresses.
14. As a purse (at the same time as a skirt) with money tied into a corner.
15. To indicate membership of a club or church, everyone wearing the same pattern.
16. And finally, as a shroud.

How can they be used in teaching ?

- Investigating colour, symmetry, pattern and design.
- Telling the children about life in Zambia through the items depicted.
- Matching the items to items in photographs or artefacts in the collection.

N.B. PLEASE FOLD THE CHITENGE NEATLY. IF, FOR ANY REASON, YOU HAVE TO WASH THEM, DO NOT USE BIOLOGICAL WASHING POWDERS OR WATER THAT IS TOO HOT.