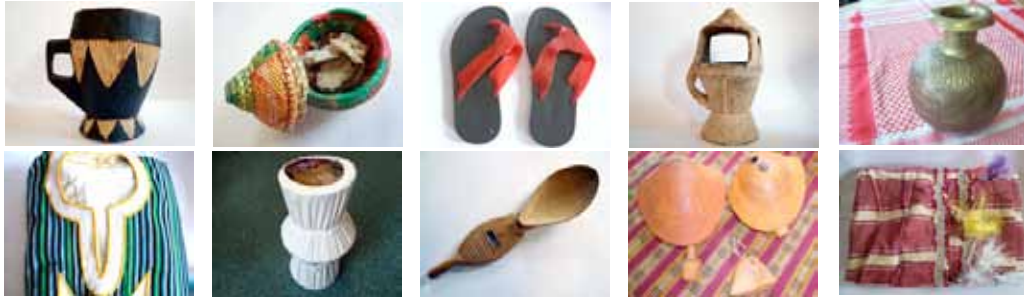


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In addition there is a British bag with objects representing British culture. The aim of this is to get across how difficult it is to represent a whole country with just a few objects.



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The activities will encourage children to learn more about other countries, how our lives are connected with those of people around the world and the imperative of poverty reduction. Most activities are aimed at KS2 but can easily be adapted.



## Activities - the British Bag

### 2. What's in the bag?

**NATIONAL CURRICULUM LINKS:**  
 • Historical, geographical and social understanding  
 Essential Knowledge: 5.7 & 5.8  
 Understanding English, communication and languages  
 Key Skills: 2b & 2c

#### Learning Objective:

To think critically about how the objects represent Britain and how they relate to our personal views of Britain.

Bring in the red British Bag. Tell children that this is a collection of objects that some people think represent Britain. What do the children think about these objects? Are there any that they don't agree with and would take out? Why? How are they different to the objects that the class selected?

Is this what it means to be British? Is there anything missing? Maybe they are things that are harder to put in a suitcase like feelings or smells or behaviours – for example queuing or talking about the weather. How might you represent these?



The British bag contains a selection of objects to represent Britain.

The website Who Do We Think We Are? ([www.whodoweare.org.uk](http://www.whodoweare.org.uk)) has lots of information about Britishness including an interactive activity to build your own "Britishness Box".  
[www.whodoweare.org.uk/images/britishness\\_box/](http://www.whodoweare.org.uk/images/britishness_box/)



When asked to think of things that represent Britain, many people said iconic buildings in London such as Tower Bridge.

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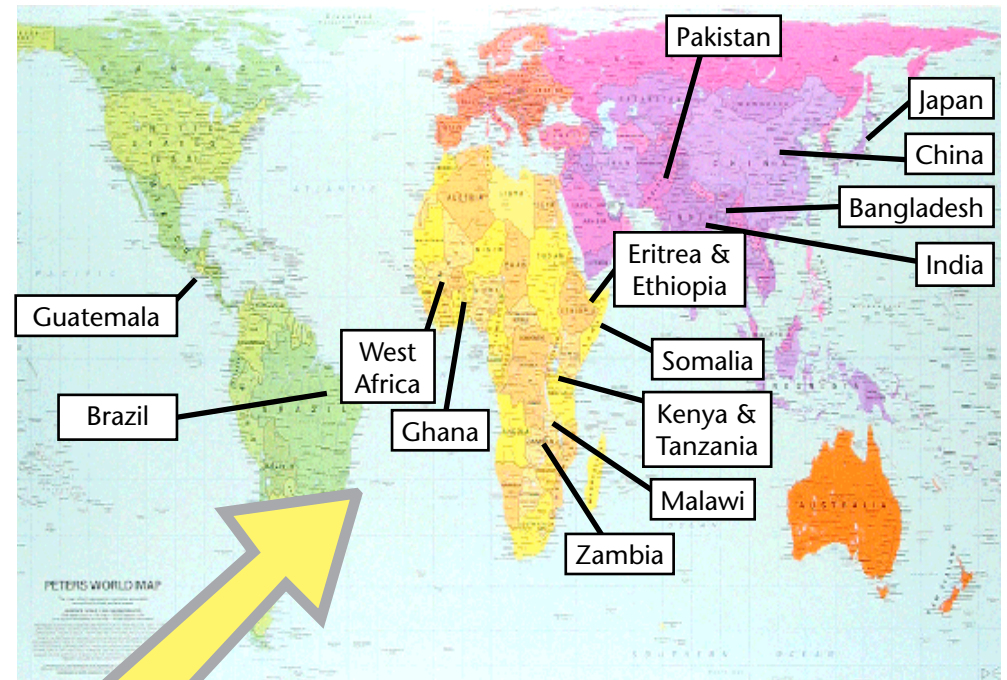
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