



Bringing Africa to your Classroom

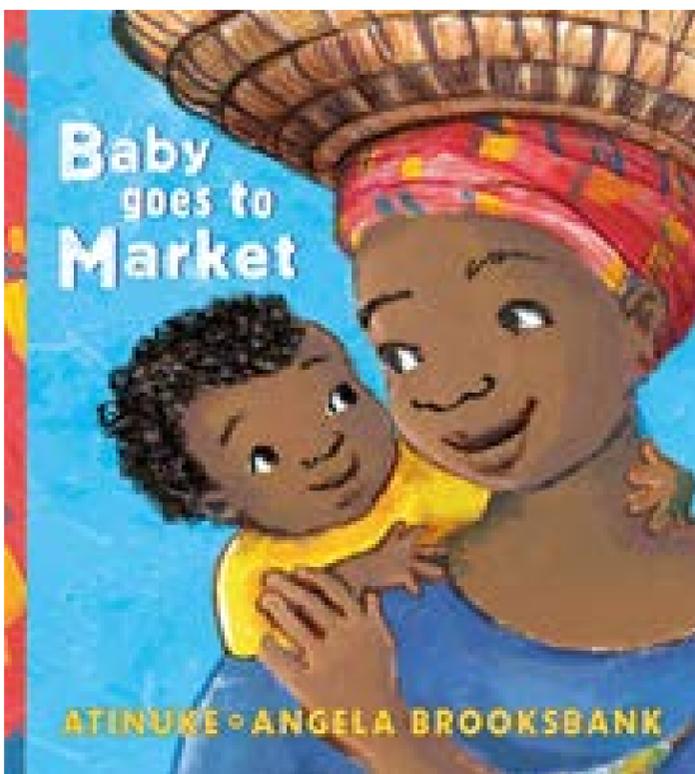
Baby Goes to Market

by
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Topics Covered | Things to Introduce:

- Lessons in simple math
- Kindness and generosity
- Family and community
- Igbo Language

- Level: Primary, Ages 3-6
- Country Focus: Nigeria
- Language Focus: Igbo



Join Baby and his mama at the bustling marketplace for a bright, bouncy read-aloud offering a gentle introduction to numbers. Rhythmic language, visual humour and a bounty of delectable food make this a tale that is sure to whet little appetites for story time. When Baby and Mama go to market, baby is so adorable that the banana seller gives him six bananas. Baby eats one and puts five in the basket, but Mama doesn't notice. As Mama and Baby wend their way through the market stalls, cheeky Baby collects five juicy oranges, four sugary chin-chin biscuits, three roasted sweetcorn, two pieces of coconut ... until Mama notices that her basket is getting very heavy. Poor Baby, she thinks - he must be very hungry by now!

From Author's Blog: About Atinuke

Atinuke is a Nigerian-born author who started her career doing traditional oral storytelling. Her books include a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor Winner, a Notable Book for a Global Society, a Cybils Award Winner, and an Africana Award Winner. She lives in Wales.

Discussion Questions

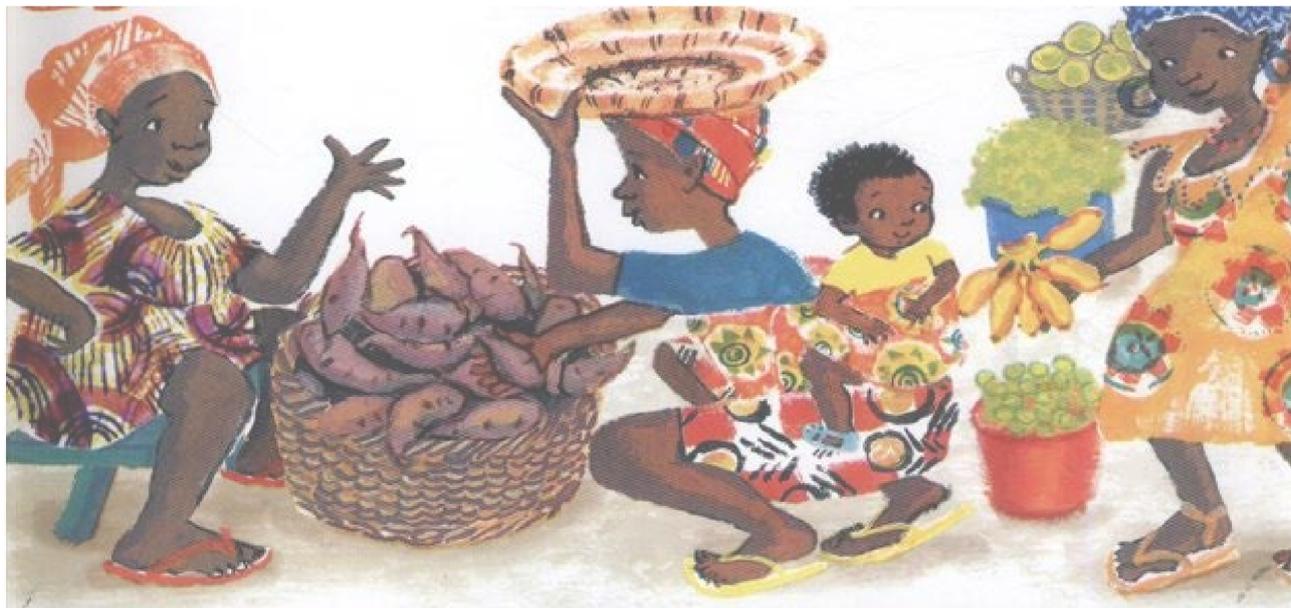
How is Mama and Baby's market different to how your parents do the shopping? List the features of shopping in Baby Goes to Market and list features of the students' shopping, or shopping in your local area. Introduce your young audience to a Venn diagram, showing similarities and differences.

Activity Suggestions/ Resources

Introduce subtraction to young learners. List everything Baby is given and the number. Display in pictorial form, with the initial number Baby is given and the remaining amount that goes in the basket.

The end papers are a repeat of the print on Mama's skirt. Have the children study the printing on the clothes in the book and choose their favourite. Using sponges or various shaped items found at home or in the classroom, repeat the pattern using paint.

Other books: Anna Hibiscus (Series), The No1 Car Spotter (Series), Double Trouble



Country Fact Box: Nigeria



Capital:
Abuja

Population:
190 Million People

People from Nigeria are called:
Nigerians

Main Languages Spoken in Nigeria:
Igbo, Yoruba, English, Hausa, Fulfulde, Kanuri,
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Language Box: Igbo

How many people speak Igbo as their mother tongue?
32 Million

Practice some Igbo!

| Number | English | Igbo |
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| 1 | One | Ofu |
| 2 | Two | Abuo |
| 3 | Three | Ato |
| 4 | Four | Ano |
| 5 | Five | Ise |

For more information on Igbo and what it sounds like, visit
<http://aboutworldlanguages.com/igbo>