

The Internet has given us a new perspective on the world we live in. What seemed so far is now so close – with a click of a keystroke you can find a webcam in almost every country of the world. A globe shows the full perspective of where that country fits into the world view, the location and it's relation to other countries. They also show geographical features, political divisions, animal life and where it's night and day around the world. There are constellation globes to provide a guide to the night sky, talking globes for education and rotating globes for a unique gift.

Globes are updated constantly with new countries, changing names and borders. Here's a short quiz on name changes.

What was the earlier name of each country?

1. Myanmar
2. Iran
3. Mali
4. Zambia
5. Tanzania
6. Thailand
7. Democratic Republic of Congo
8. Bangladesh
9. Bosnia, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro and Slovenia
10. Sri Lanka



World globes make great gifts. Many big box retailers carry globes, especially during holiday and back to school time periods. Most gifts are consumed or used for short periods of time and either discarded or simply forgotten. But globes provide enlightenment and can become part of the décor as well as an heirloom.

Catalog redemption on globes is steady because it's something they might not buy but would love to have. Many companies use them to commemorate anniversaries or expansion. They are able to be easily decorated with a plate and look great in a boardroom, an office as well as a den or family room.

Answers to the quiz are below. How many were you able to identify?

1. Burma
2. Persia
3. Sudanese Republic
4. Northern Rhodesia
5. Tanganyika and Zanzibar
6. Siam
7. Zaire
8. Bengal
9. Yugoslavia
10. Ceylon

