

Diversity in Africa: A Multitude of Secondary Credentials

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Introduction: TAICEP 2018 Philadelphia

Purpose: The number of countries in Africa can make learning about the continent's educational systems daunting. However, common colonial histories have created similarities among African educational systems, particularly at the secondary level, that can make learning easier.



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Objectives:

- Compare sample academic documents from across Africa to explore common typologies
- Learn how manageable these credentials can be, even if they are brand new to you





- Lusophone Africa
- Anglophone Africa
- Francophone Africa
- Arabophone Africa
- Resources
- Questions?





Cabo Verde

LUSOPHONE AFRICA



Generally characterized as 12 years of primary and secondary study, completion of *Ensino Secundário* is required for university admission. Portuguese is the primary language of instruction.

- Angola
- Cabo Verde
- Equatorial Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau (11 years only)
- Mozambique
- São Tomé and Príncipe (11 years only)





Portugal

Has leaving credentials after completion of Grade 12, like the **Diploma Nível Secundário de Educação** (Secondary Level of Education)

Admission requires Grade 9.

May need *Certidão/Certificado* for final exams or each years' results

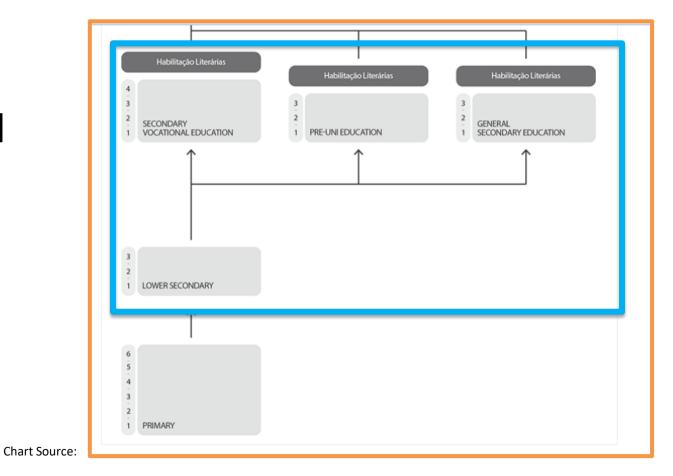
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Educational Ladder:

Angola



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Leaving Credential:

Certificado de Habilitações for Il Ciclo do Ensino Secundário

- Issued by individual schools on behalf of the *Ministério da Educação*
- Admission based on completion of I Ciclo do Ensino Secundário (Grade 9)

Ministério da Educação <u>http://www.med.gov.ao/</u>

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Mozambique

Leaving Credential:

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- Issued by individual schools on behalf of the Ministério da Educação e Desenvolvimento Humano
- Ensino Secundário Geral includes two cycles: lower secondary (Grades 7-9) and upper (Grades 11-12)

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ANGLOPHONE AFRICA



- Botswana
- Cameroon
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Mauritius
- Namibia

- Nigeria
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- The Gambia
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Education in Anglophone Africa is a *mixture of British and American* influences.

Though English is used extensively in education in these countries, some follow the **Advanced Level** pattern used for admission to higher education in England, and others follow a more American style with the secondary leaving credential coming after 12 years of education.





Features external examining boards, like Cambridge

Has leaving credentials after completion of Grade 11, like the *General Certificate of Secondary Education* or *General Certificate of Education – Ordinary*, and Grade 13, *General Certificate of Education – Advanced Level*

Many foreign students still take external British secondary exams.



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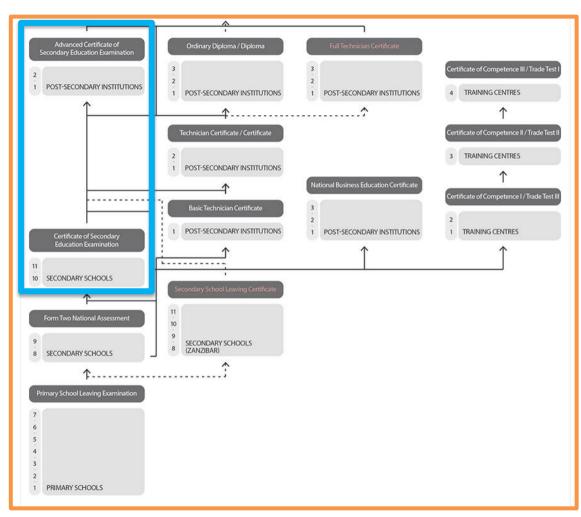


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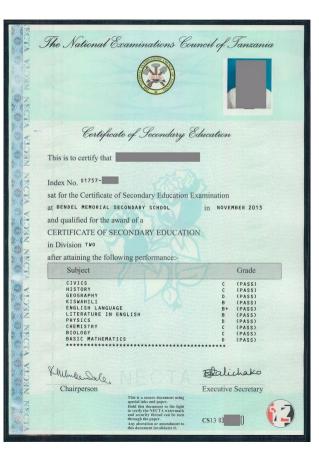
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Tanzania

Exams through the *National Examinations Council of Tanzania* (NECTA)

Certificate of Secondary Education after Grade 11

Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education after Grade 13

Same pattern is also used in **Uganda** and **Zimbabwe**.

http://necta.go.tz/

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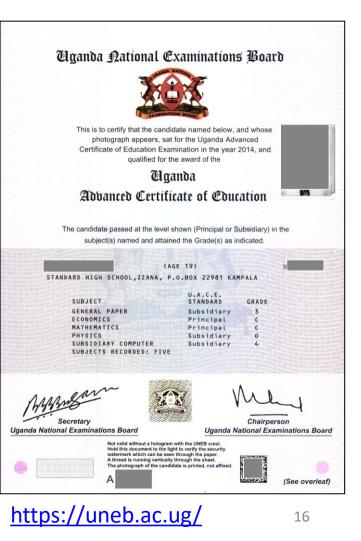


Exams through Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB)

Uganda Certificate of Education after Grade 11

Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education after Grade 13

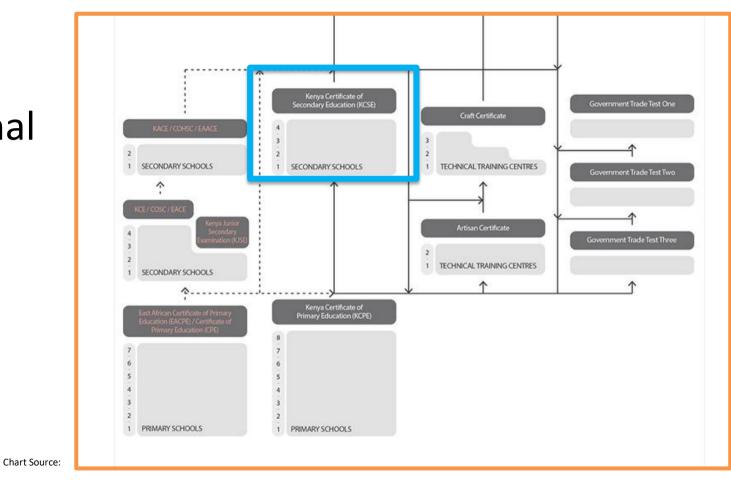






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Kenya

Used to be part of the East Africa Examinations Council (EAEC), which offered Cambridge-influenced exams across the region.

The *Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education* (KCSE) was first offered by the *Kenya National Examinations Council* (KNEC) in 1989.

The KCSE represents 12 total years of education.

https://www.knec.ac.ke/



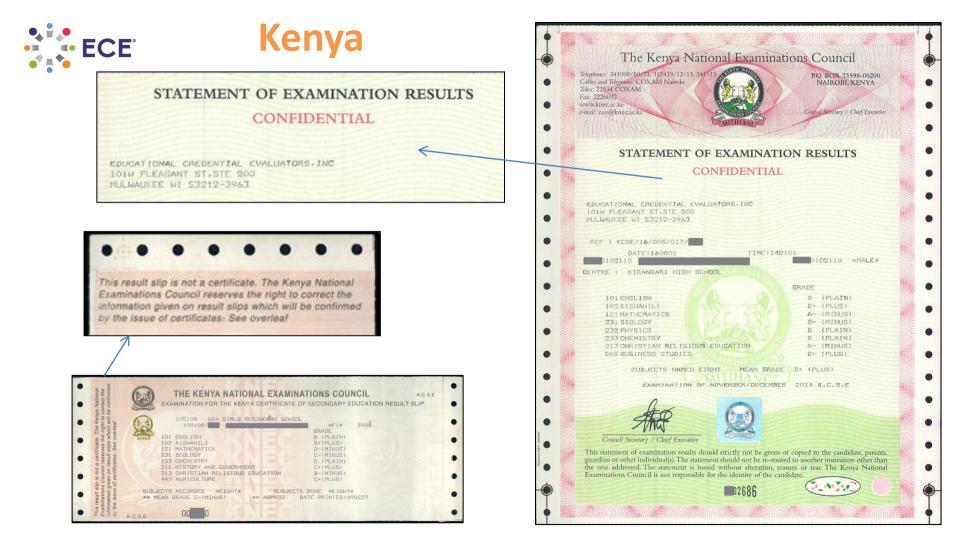
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Documentation Advice: Kenya



We require a **Statement of Examination Results** for the Kenya Certificate of **Secondary Education** to be sent directly to us from the Kenya National **Examinations Council**. We will not work with a results slip or the student's personal certificate.



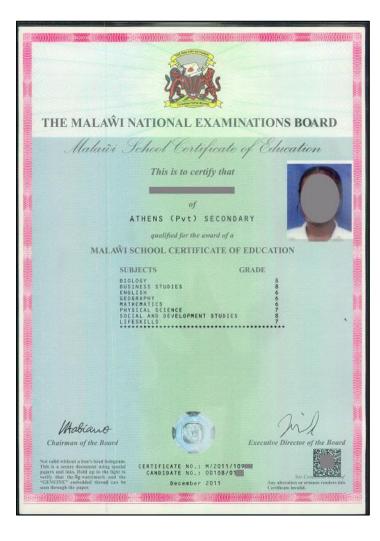




The *Malawi School Certificate of Education* (MSCE) is awarded by the *Malawi National Examinations Board* (MANEB).

It represents 12 total years of study.

http://www.maneb.edu.mw/

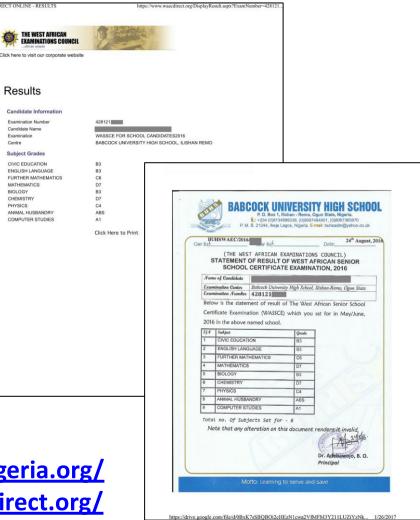




The *West African Examinations Council* (WAEC) offers standardized exams for English-speaking countries (incl. *Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone*), which can be verified online.

The WAEC leaving credential is the *West African Senior School Certificate Exam* (WASSCE), awarded after 12 years of primary and secondary education.

http://www.waecnigeria.org/ https://www.waecdirect.org/





Documentation Advice: WAEC Countries

We require a photocopy of the West African Senior School Certificate Examination and Access Card ("scratch card") details for each exam attempt. Lately, we are just getting this info sent to us electronically by the students.



South Africa

National Senior Certificate (NSC)

- Also called the Matric(ulation) Exam
- South African secondary leaving credential since 2008
- Represents 12 years of primary and secondary study
- As in England, there are many different examining boards.
- Final NSC should be awarded by UMALUSI <u>http://www.umalusi.org.za/</u>





Documentation Advice: South Africa



We require the original **National Senior Certificate** from the students, which we will return to them after our review.



Lesotho

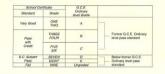
The **School Certificate** is awarded upon completion of senior secondary school (12 total years).

The *Examinations Council of Lesotho* (ECOL) works with Cambridge to administer the exams.

It uses the same grading scale as the General Certificate of Education – Ordinary Level in England.

SC/GCE (LS)

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General Certificates of Education are awarded to candidates who do not enter for, or do not qualify for, a School Certificate but who reach Grade Eight or better in at least one subject

NAME OF SCHOOL

Certificates awarded to successful candidates who were entered by schools recognised as eligible to present school candidates for the examination show the name of the school

CONDITIONS OF ISSUE

This certificate is and remains the property of the Examinations Council of Lesotho. 2. this certificate must be delivered up to the Examinations Council of Lesotho when

5. a candidate who has lost a certificate may apply for a Certifying Statement.

University of Cambridge International Examinations is part of the Cambridge Assessment Group. Cambridge Assessment is 1 University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which is bail a department of the University of Cambridge

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Examinations Council of Lesotho in collaboration with

School Certificate

MASERU HIGH SCHOOL

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University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate

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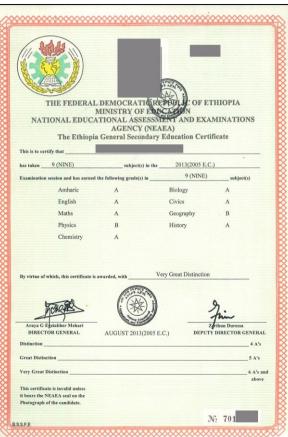
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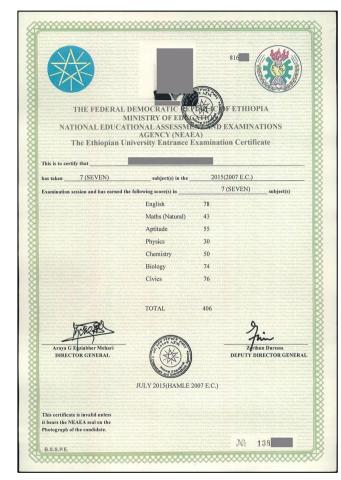


Ethiopia

Ethiopia General Secondary Education Certificate (EGSEC) is issued after two years of lower secondary.

The *Ethiopian University Entrance Examination Certificate* (EUEEC) comes two years later.

Primary and secondary education cover 12 total years of study.



Ministry of Education <u>http://info.moe.gov.et/atm.shtml</u>



India

England is not the only English-speaking country offering external international secondary exams to African students.

The *Central Board of Secondary Education* (CBSE) offers *Senior School Certificate* exams to Indian students living abroad. This represents completion of 12 years of study and CBSE students are well-situated to attend university in India or across Africa.

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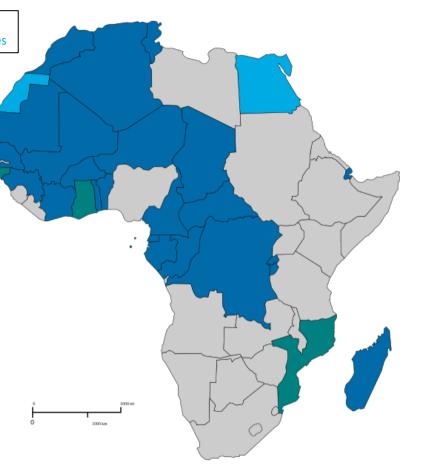
Madagascar

FRANCOPHONE AFRICA



- Algeria
- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Comoros
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Djibouti

- Normally considered francophone countries Sometimes considered francophone countries
 - Gabon
 - Guinea
 - Madagascar
 - Mali
 - Mauritania
 - Morocco
 - Niger
 - Republic of Congo
 - Rwanda
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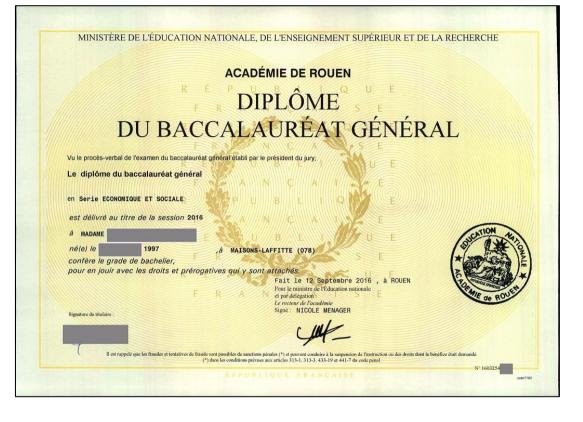


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Lower secondary covers Grades 6-9 and is provided by collèges. The leaving credential is the *Diplôme National du Brevet*.

Upper secondary covers Grades 10-12 and is provided by lycées. The leaving credential is the *Diplôme du Baccalauréat*. It is offered in several types and streams. Baccalauréat exams are organized through regional Académies. International students from across the Francophone world take French secondary exams.



Ministère de l'Éducation nationale, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche http://www.education.gouv.fr/



Educational Ladder:

Morocco

Chart Source:

	Brevet de Technician Superieur		Baccalaureat
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In Francophone Africa, the grades are separate from the diploma. If you need to do any GPA calculations, you will need both documents.

Notice that the vocabulary is very similar to the French example.





http://www.men.gov.ma/en/Pages/Accueil.aspx



Djibouti

Enseignement Secondaire Général is divided into 4 years of lower secondary and three years of upper secondary.

Some recent exam results are available online via the Ministry website.

http://www.education.gov.dj/





Burundi

As in Djibouti, *Enseignement Secondaire Général* is divided into 4 years of lower secondary and three years of upper secondary. However, this credential represents 13 total years of primary and secondary education.

Burundi is a member of the **East African Community** and will be aligning their educational system with the primarily Anglophone systems of the other members.





Mauritania

Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire (Baccalaureate of Secondary Education) is awarded after 12 (or 13) years of primary and secondary education.

Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale

http://education.gov.mr/

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The *Brevet d'Études du Premier Cycle du Second Degré* (BEPC) is awarded after completion of Grade 10. BEPC is a fairly standard name for lower secondary credentials across Francophone Africa.

The *Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Troisième Degré* (also known as the *Baccalauréat*) is required for admission to university.

Some degree of diversification is available within the Bachelier curriculum. This represents a total of 13 years of primary and secondary education.

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The **Brevet** is awarded after **Grade 10** and the **Baccalauréat de I'Enseignement Secondaire** is awarded after **Grade 13**.

The relevé de notes is for the national exams.

Ministère de l'Education Nationale et la Promotion Civique <u>http://education.gouv.td/</u>



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- Chad (also French)
- Comoros (also French)
- Djibouti (also French)
- Egypt
- Eritrea (also English)
- Libya
- Mauritania (also French)
- Morocco (also French)
- Somalia (also English)
- Sudan (also English)
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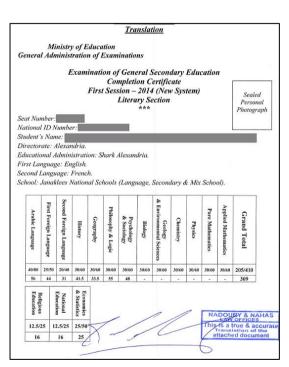
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Egypt

The *General Secondary Education Certificate Examination* is taken after completion of 12 combined years of primary and secondary education.

A fancy diploma is also available.





Some recent exam results may be available online.



Documentation Advice: Egypt

We require the original version of the General Secondary Education Certificate Examinations and the actual Certificate, where possible. We return these to the student upon completion of the evaluation.





Libya

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The Basic Education Certificate is awarded after 9 years of primary education and the Secondary Education Certificate comes after completion of 3 more years of secondary education.

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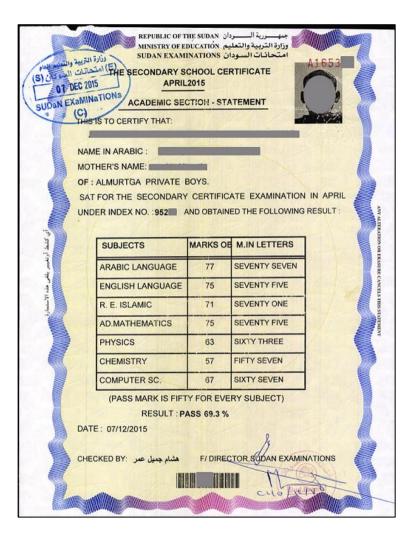
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Since 1992, Sudan has had eight years of basic education, followed by 3 years of secondary education, leading to the *Secondary School Certificate*. Arabic and English are both compulsory subjects at the secondary level.

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Resources: African Secondary Education

UNESCO International Bureau of Education World Data on Education

• Sixth Edition

http://www.ibe.unesco.org/en/document/world-dataeducation-sixth-edition-2006-07

• Seventh Edition <u>http://www.ibe.unesco.org/en/document/world-data-</u> <u>education-seventh-edition-2010-11</u>

International Association of Universities, *Guide to Higher Education in Africa*, Sixth Edition, 2013, Palgrave Macmillan

<u>http://www.palgrave.com/us/book/9780230369603</u>

UK NARIC International Qualifications

<u>https://naric.org.uk/naric/Default.aspx</u> (fee-based)

Education Policy Data Center

http://www.epdc.org/

NAFSA Online Guides to Educational Systems

 <u>http://www.nafsa.org/Professional_Resources/Publications/</u> NAFSA Guide to Educational Systems Around the World

ECE®Connection

<u>https://theconnection.ece.org/</u>

Resources for individual countries will vary.



ECE Connection Advantage: Sample Documents

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