



All the colours of the rainbow

COLOURS

You already know colours such as "blue", "green" and "yellow". But what about less common ones, like "amber" and "crimson"? And what about colour idioms? What mood are you in if you "see red" or if you're "feeling blue", for example?

1. MIX AND MATCH

Which colour do you get if you mix...

- a) white and red? _____
- b) black and white? _____
- c) yellow and blue? _____
- d) blue and red? _____
- e) red and yellow? _____

2. SNOW-WHITE

Which words in the first line describe which colours in the second? Join them up!

bottle	blood	navy	jet	primrose
blue	black	green	yellow	red

3. A SORT OF BROWN

Form four correct sentences.

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| a) Amber is a | purplish red | and can describe | leaves in autumn. |
| b) Auburn is a | yellowish brown | and can describe | the sea. |
| c) Crimson is a | greenish blue | and can describe | somebody's hair. |
| d) Turquoise is a | reddish brown | and can describe | the middle light in a traffic light. |

4. TRUE COLOURS

Put in four different colours.

- a) He was _____ with envy.
- b) Her cheeks went _____ with embarrassment.
- c) He suddenly turned _____ with fear.
- d) Her lips were _____ with cold.

5. COLOUR-CODED

Which "colour word" is being described?

- a) a tropical disease that can be very dangerous: **yellow** _____
- b) a successful company that makes a profit: **blue** _____
- c) official rules that seem unnecessary: **red** _____
- d) a US banknote: **green** _____
- e) people who work in offices, not in factories: **white**-_____ workers

6. OUT OF THE BLUE

Identify the correct colour. What do the sentences mean?

- a) When my brother visited me, we decided to go out and paint the town **blue - red**.
- b) I told them a **green - white** lie and said that I had to go the doctor. I felt awful afterwards.
- c) Good news! We've been given the **green - red** light to go ahead with the project.
- d) It's been another **black - red** day for the car industry, with more job losses announced.
- e) I told him that he was making a mistake until I was **blue - green** in the face. He just wouldn't listen.

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