



COLOURS AND SHADES



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Colours and shades

Match the shades, colours and things that they describe. More than one answer is possible.

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| 1. pale | blue | a Ferrari |
| 2. bright | blue | a leaf |
| 3. light | brown | hair |
| 4. dark | green | the sea |
| 5. deep | red | the sky |
| 6. shiny | yellow | the sun |

Complete the sentences below with appropriate combinations of shades and colours:

- The clouds are dark grey. I think there is going to be a storm.
- Julia decided to dye her hair from her natural colour to _____ red.
- Look at John's _____ black new car!
- The lights are _____ yellow. I can't see much.
- Her skin is _____ pink. She wants to get a sun tan.
- If you mix green with black, you get _____ green.
- If you mix green with white, you get _____ green.
- A ruby is an expensive stone with a _____ red colour.



2

Questions

Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions below. Try to guess your partner's favourite people, animals or things. How many did you guess right?

1. What colour is your favourite drink?
2. What colour is your favourite animal?
3. What colour is your favourite actor's/actress' hair?
4. What colour is your favourite possession?
5. What colour is your favourite fruit?
6. What colour is your favourite vegetable?
7. What colour is the flag of your favourite holiday destination?

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Expressions with colours

Complete the sentences with the verbs below in their correct forms.

come

look

paint

go

turn

wear

1. When Joe spoke in public for the first time, he was very embarrassed. He went completely red.
2. I don't like the colour of my walls. I think I'll _____ them red.
3. When green bananas become ripe, they _____ yellow.
4. It is traditional to _____ black at funerals.
5. Iphones only _____ in shiny black or white.
6. You told me his hair is light brown. It _____ dark brown to me.

Answer each question with a full sentence, using a verb + colour collocation:

1. What colours do people traditionally wear in your country?
2. What happens to toast when it is burnt?
3. What colours do jeans typically come in?
4. What colour does the sky look today?
5. What colours do people typically dye their hair?
6. What colour is your kitchen wall? What colour(s) would you like to paint it?



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Colour idioms

Study the sentences. Match the underlined idioms with their meaning below.

1. Martin is feeling blue because his girlfriend left him.
2. Sam is always in the red. When he gets a job in the future, he will be able to pay off his debts.
3. Sam is finally in the black. He doesn't have any debts.
4. When Mark read about the government's decision to increase tax, he saw red – he started swearing and shouting.
5. The situation is black and white. You need a job!
 - a. became very angry
 - b. depressed
 - c. in a situation where you don't owe money to the bank
 - d. in a situation where you owe money to the bank
 - e. very simple and easy to understand

Invent your own sentences with each of the idioms.