

Colour

Activity 1

Which of the following are NOT colours?

red blue green azure yellow white pink brown puce rainbow black turquoise navy
khaki beige orange stripe purple violet indigo scarlet magenta grey burgundy

Activity 2

Match the words on the left with the words on the right below to make common colour phrases.

green	tape
white	fingers
black	lie
red	card
green	jack
black	company
blue-chip	blood(ed)
blue	market

Activity 3

Write the colour phrases from Activity 2 in the spaces below then ask your partner the questions.

1. If you had a lot of money would you prefer to invest in a or take more of a risk?
2. Are there any families in your country? Do you think it is important to have aristocratic and royal families these days?
3. Is there a in your country? What illegal things are bought and sold on it?
4. Have you ever played? Would you like to? Why/not?
5. Have you ever told anyone a or do you always tell the truth even if you know it will upset someone?
6. Is there a lot of in your country or is there very little bureaucracy? What do you think should be done to reduce the amount of bureaucracy?
7. Would you like to have a and live and work in the USA? Why/not? What is the equivalent document in your country and how easy or difficult is it to get one?
8. Do you have or do plants tend to suffer under your care?

Activity 4

Read the questions below and use them to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. What colours are in fashion at the moment?
2. What are the main colours in your house or flat? Who chose them?
3. What are your favourite colours?
4. What colours suit you? What colours do you never wear? Why not?
5. What colours have special significance in your country? (For example, is white associated with weddings and black with funerals, etc?)

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Activity 5

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. Why shouldn't you have a yellow colour scheme in your living room?
2. Which colour should be avoided in meeting rooms?
3. Why do restaurants often include red in their colour schemes?
4. According to scientists, why is blue coloured food unappealing?
5. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 6

What can we do to address the problems created by global differences in skin colour?

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