

> A. Discuss the following questions with your partner.

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| 1. Can you name all the colours in a rainbow?                                                                                                                        | 4. Do any other colours have a special significance in your country?                                                                                                               |
| 2. What colours do you tend to wear? Why? What colours would you never wear? Why not?                                                                                | 5. What do the colours of your national flag represent?                                                                                                                            |
| 3. What significance do the following colours have in your country? Do they have the same significance in other countries?<br><i>black white green blue pink red</i> | 6. In your opinion, what are the most (and least) appealing colours for the following things? Why?<br><i>eyes classroom walls fizzy drinks taxis clothes for work roses plates</i> |

> B. Match the following phrases with the definitions (a – j) below.

a white lie   black and blue   colour blind   once in a blue moon   out of the blue   to be in the red  
to catch someone red-handed   to feel blue   to feel off colour   to see red

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| a) A statement which is polite but not true                 | f) To feel a little unwell                                                 |
| b) Occasionally, very infrequently                          | g) To feel sad or melancholy                                               |
| c) Suffering from a lot of bruises on the skin              | h) To lose your temper                                                     |
| d) To be in debt                                            | i) Unexpectedly, without warning                                           |
| e) To discover someone in the process of committing a crime | j) Unable to distinguish between certain colours, especially red and green |

> C. Fill the gaps below with the phrases from > B in the correct form.

- “Are you OK?” “Not really. I don’t feel 100%. I ..... today.”
- Grey, wet weather always makes me .....
- “How often do you revise English vocabulary?” “Hardly ever! ....., that’s all.”
- I know he took her money because I ..... I saw him holding her purse!
- I spend too much money so my bank account is often .....
- I told my friend she looked lovely in her new orange dress but she doesn’t. It was .....
- I’m sorry I shouted at you. I’m afraid I just ..... when you told me about the mistake.
- He was kicked so many times during the football match that by the end his legs were .....
- Man: “You look wonderful in that red dress, darling.”  
Woman: “It’s not red, it’s green! Are you .....?”
- “Who are those roses from?” “I don’t know! They came .....

> D. Discuss the following questions with your partner.

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| 1. Have you ever been in the red? What would you do if you found out that you were?    | 6. What do you do when you’re feeling off colour?                                                                            |
| 2. Have you ever caught a thief red-handed? What would you do if you did?              | 7. Can you think of a song, film or situation that always makes you feel blue? Why does it have this effect on you?          |
| 3. Have you ever received something out of the blue? What was it? What did you do?     | 8. Can you think of three things people do that make you see red? Why do they affect you this way?                           |
| 4. When was the last time you told a white lie? Who did you lie to and why?            | 9. Do you know anyone who is colour blind? What difficulties do you think they have and how do you think they overcome them? |
| 5. Can you think of 2 things you do once in a blue moon that you should do more often? | 10. How important is colour in your life (e.g. when you buy new clothes or a new car)?                                       |

> E. Match the following definitions with the underlined words in the questions below.

combination of colours   dull, unexciting   natural colours of the body, especially the head  
offensive, rude   with a lot of bright colours

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| 1. Do you like wearing <u>colourful</u> clothes or sober colours?                                           | 4. Do you know anyone with strong, unusual or beautiful <u>colouring</u> ? What is special about the colours of his/her skin, hair and eyes? |
| 2. In which situations might you use <u>colourful</u> language? When was the last time you said a bad word? | 5. Do you know anyone who is a bit <u>colourless</u> ? In what ways does s/he lack character?                                                |
| 3. What do you think of the <u>colour scheme</u> in your classroom? How could it be improved?               |                                                                                                                                              |

> F. Ask your partner the questions in > E.