> A. Discuss the following questions with your partner.

1. Can you name all the colours in a rainbow?  
3. What significance do the following colours have in your country? Do they have the same significance in other countries?  
   - black  
   - white  
   - green  
   - blue  
   - pink  
   - red  
4. Do any other colours have a special significance in your country?  
5. What do the colours of your national flag represent?  
6. In your opinion, what are the most (and least) appealing colours for the following things? Why?  
   - eyes  
   - classroom walls  
   - fizzy drinks  
   - taxis  
   - clothes for work  
   - roses  
   - plates

> 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 feel blue
- to feel off colour
- to see red

| 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.

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

> D. Discuss the following questions with your partner.

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

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

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