ESOL Entry Level – Vocabulary - Colours

This companion document covers the same learning as the interactive session, but in a different way so as to be more accessible for learners with sight impairments. Because of this, it does not follow a slide structure.

Welcome

Welcome to this session on vocabulary - colours.

By the end of this session, you will be able to:

* Know the names of common colours
* Know some examples of objects which are usually a certain colour
* Understand how we use light and dark to describe different colours

What are colours?

Different colours produce different wavelengths of light, which the retina in your eye is sensitive too. We describe objects colours based on the way that they emit (or reflect) light, which your retina interprets, and we understand as colour.

Common colours

There are many ways to describe what colour things are. Here are the most common colours with an example of something of that colour.

Red, like strawberries.

Orange, like carrots.

Yellow, like lemons.

Green, like limes.

Blue, like the sky on a clear day.

Purple, like an aubergine.

Pink, like a flamingo.

Brown, like coffee beans.

White, like snow.

Grey, like clouds before a storm.

Black, like a raven.

Light and dark colours

The way we describe colours can change depending on if the colour is closer to white or to black.

If we take the colour red as an example.

A dark red means a red that is closer to black on the colour spectrum.

A light red means a red that is closer to white on the colour spectrum.

Knowledge check

Below are a few questions to help test what you have learned in this session.

**Question 1:**

Can you think of some more things which are the colour red?

Answer:

Examples you might have considered are:

Elmo from Sesame Street, blood, or tomatoes.

**Question 2:**

Can you think of some more things which are the colour green?

Answer:

Examples you might have considered are:

Kermit the frog, grass, or emeralds.

**Question 3:**

Can you think of some more things which are the colour yellow?

Answer:

Examples you might have considered are:

Pikachu from Pokémon, bananas, or The Simpsons.

**Question 4:**

Can you think of some more things which are the colour blue?

Answer:

Examples you might have considered are:

Sonic the Hedgehog, Blue Tang fish (like Dory in Finding Nemo), or sapphires.

Summary

Well done. You have completed this session on vocabulary - colours.

You should now:

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If you have any questions about anything covered in this session, please speak to your tutor for more help.