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Bright pink is the world's oldest colour

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THE READING

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Is the world's oldest colour black or dark grey? No. Scientists have found out that bright pink is the oldest colour. Researchers looked at 1.1-billion-year-old rocks in the Sahara Desert. They crushed the rocks into powder and found a bright pink colour. Dr. Nur Gueneli from the Australia National University led the research. She experimented on the rocks in a lab in Australia. She said the colour was made by ancient organisms that lived in the oceans. She added that those oceans no longer exist. At that time, tiny organisms were the largest life forms on Earth.

Dr. Gueneli said she was amazed when she saw the pink in the rocks. She thought the rock powder might turn black in their experiments, but it turned pink. Another researcher said: "Dr. Gueneli came running into my office and said, 'look at this,' and she had this bright pink stuff...It turned out to be real colour, 1.1 billion years old." Gueneli explained how important her find was. She said: "Imagine you could find a fossilized dinosaur skin that still has its original colour - green or blue. That is exactly the type of discovery that we've made."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2018/07/10/health/oldest-color-pink-trnd/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. black or | a. lived in the oceans |
| 2. bright pink is | b. dark grey |
| 3. Researchers looked at 1.1-billion- | c. forms on Earth |
| 4. They crushed the rocks | d. year-old rocks |
| 5. She experimented | e. longer exist |
| 6. ancient organisms that | f. the oldest colour |
| 7. those oceans no | g. on the rocks |
| 8. the largest life | h. into powder |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Dr. Gueneli said she | a. might turn black |
| 2. when she saw the pink | b. green or blue |
| 3. She thought the rock powder | c. that we've made |
| 4. Dr. Gueneli came running | d. skin |
| 5. she had this bright pink | e. in the rocks |
| 6. a fossilized dinosaur | f. was amazed |
| 7. still has its original colour - | g. stuff |
| 8. the type of discovery | h. into my office |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Is the world's oldest colour black (1) _____? No. Scientists have (2) _____ that bright pink is the oldest colour. Researchers looked at 1.1-billion-year-old rocks in the Sahara Desert. They (3) _____ into powder and found a bright pink colour. Dr. Nur Gueneli from the Australia National University (4) _____. She experimented on the rocks in a lab in Australia. She said the colour was made by ancient organisms (5) _____ the oceans. She added that those oceans no longer exist. At that time, tiny organisms were the largest (6) _____ Earth.

Dr. Gueneli said (7) _____ when she saw the pink in the rocks. She thought the rock powder might turn black in their experiments, but (8) _____. Another researcher said: "Dr. Gueneli came running into my office and said, 'look at this,' and she had this (9) _____...It turned out to be real colour, 1.1 billion years old." Gueneli explained (10) _____ find was. She said: "Imagine you could find a fossilized dinosaur skin that still has (11) _____ - green or blue. That is exactly the (12) _____ that we've made."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PINK SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Pink in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

