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Study finds that blue is the most popular colour

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Everyone has a favourite colour. We usually like it throughout our lives. A new study found the most common favourite colour is blue. The BBC looked at why people like one colour more than another. They found two things. One was that people around the world like the colour blue most. The other finding was that we change the colours we like as we get older. Our experiences in life also change the way we feel about colour. People often like darker colours as they get older. The studies showed that dark yellowish-brown was the world's least liked colour.

The BBC found that blue has been a favourite since research on colour began in the 1800s. Most people's experiences of blue are positive. Many colours in nature are blue, especially a blue sky, the sea and flowers. A blue sky makes many people very happy. The researchers say one of the only negative associations with blue was in the English language. In English, people say they "have the blues" or are "feeling blue". This means they feel sad. One factor in having a favourite colour is sport. Many people like the colour of their favourite sports team.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Everyone has | a. way we feel |
| 2. throughout our | b. as they get older |
| 3. why people like one colour more | c. as we get older |
| 4. we change the colours we like | d. lives |
| 5. Our experiences | e. brown |
| 6. change the | f. a favourite colour |
| 7. People often like darker colours | g. than another |
| 8. dark yellowish- | h. in life |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. since research on colour | a. associations |
| 2. people's experiences of blue | b. having a favourite colour |
| 3. A blue sky makes many | c. are positive |
| 4. negative | d. sad |
| 5. have the | e. began in the 1800s |
| 6. This means they feel | f. sports team |
| 7. One factor in | g. people very happy |
| 8. the colour of their favourite | h. blues |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Everyone has a favourite colour. We usually (1) _____ our lives. A new study found the most common favourite colour is blue. The BBC (2) _____ people like one colour more than another. There found two things. (3) _____ people around the world like the colour blue most. The other finding was that we change the colours we like as (4) _____. Our experiences in life also change the way (5) _____ colour. People often like darker colours as they get older. The studies showed that dark yellowish-brown was the world's (6) _____.

The BBC found that blue has been (7) _____ research on colour began in the 1800s. Most people's experiences of blue are positive. Many (8) _____ are blue, especially a blue sky, the (9) _____. A blue sky makes many people very happy. The researchers say one of (10) _____ associations with blue was in the English language. In English, people say they "have the blues" or are "feeling blue". This means (11) _____. One factor in having a favourite colour is sport. Many people like the colour of (12) _____ team.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE COLOUR BLUE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the colour blue 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **the colour blue** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
