

FUMC ESL 6-26-2017 High Intermediate Lesson

I. Warm up- “Tickled pink” means very pleased. What has happened lately that has made you feel tickled pink?

II. Questions about color words:

Question: What is the difference between a gray area and gray matter?

A “gray area” is an area that is not clearly defined. You might say: The responsibility for teaching writing in this college is a gray area. People in various departments are involved in teaching writing.

“Gray matter” refers to your brains. For example: Surely you can come up with the right answer if you use your gray matter.

Question: What is a gray day?

A day that is overcast is a gray day. Colors don't seem so bright on a gray day. Everything looks, well GRAY.

III. Idioms

Here are some other color idioms. See if you can figure out the meaning from the context of the sentence. Use these idioms in a sentence of your own. TEACHERS: Give the students plenty of time to discuss and come up with the correct meaning before providing a definition. This should be a process for them.

1. Today is a red-letter day. I got my first 100 on a test.
2. Brenda got a brand new car. I'm green with envy.
3. She was so frightened by the accident that she blacked out and couldn't remember anything.
4. I don't know why I feel so blue today.
5. Once in a blue moon it snows in Austin.
6. I was trying to remember her name, when out of the blue, it came to me.
7. Jenny's roses are beautiful. She has such a green thumb.
8. Spring has arrived and things are beginning to green up.
9. It's the end of the month and I'm in the red, as usual.
10. When our new manager arrived, we really rolled out the red carpet.
11. I told her a little white lie when she asked me if I thought she needed to lose weight.
12. My sister did not finish school and doesn't even have a job. She is definitely the black sheep of our family.
13. I run with my dog in the greenbelt every day.
14. My father's company merged with another and he was given the golden handshake.
15. My mom and dad are coming for a visit. I'm just tickled pink.

16. Elizabeth Taylor was a queen of the silver screen for many years.
17. I tried to explain to my father why I was late, but he wouldn't listen. Everything is black and white for him. You break the rules, you get punished. There is no gray area.
18. He's feeling a little off-color today. He is just getting over the flu.
19. Our teacher is so hard to listen to. Her lectures are dull and colorless.
20. During the hurricane, people showed their true colors.
21. I passed my TOEFL with flying colors.
22. Our boss gave the green light for the project proposal we presented.
23. We spent a lot of time in Greece, walking around the neighborhoods absorbing the local color.
24. She was black and blue after her fall off the cart.

IV. Discuss

- 1-Do you keep your parents in the dark about your private life?
- 2-Do you think in a tragedy, people usually behave better or worse than normal?
- 3-Have you ever caught your sister red-handed taking clothes or shoes out of your closet? Have you caught anyone red-handed. Have you ever been caught red handed?
- 4-Have you ever bought anything on the black market? Did you feel guilty when you did?
- 5-How should you dress for a black tie event?