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**Level 0 – 13th July, 2018**

## Bright pink is the world's oldest colour

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180713-pink-0.html>

Scientists found that pink is the world's oldest colour. They looked at 1.1-billion-year-old rocks. They made powder from them and found a bright pink colour. A scientist experimented on the rocks. She said the pink colour came from tiny animals in oceans of long ago. The oceans are not here today.

The researcher was surprised when the rocks turned pink. She thought they would be black. She explained how important this news is. She said: "Imagine you could find [an old] 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180713-pink-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. 1.1-billion-year-        | a. powder from them |
| 2. They made                | b. long ago         |
| 3. a bright                 | c. colour           |
| 4. A scientist experimented | d. here today       |
| 5. the pink                 | e. animals          |
| 6. tiny                     | f. on the rocks     |
| 7. oceans of                | g. old rocks        |
| 8. The oceans are not       | h. pink colour      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The researcher was          | a. this news is   |
| 2. the rocks turned            | b. would be black |
| 3. She thought they            | c. skin           |
| 4. She explained how important | d. of discovery   |
| 5. Imagine you                 | e. surprised      |
| 6. find an old dinosaur        | f. colour         |
| 7. still has its original      | g. could          |
| 8. the type                    | h. pink           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180713-pink-0.html>

Scientists (1) \_\_\_\_\_ is the world's oldest colour.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ 1.1-billion-year-old rocks. They made

powder (3) \_\_\_\_\_ found a bright pink colour. A

scientist experimented (4) \_\_\_\_\_. She said the

pink colour (5) \_\_\_\_\_ animals in oceans of long

ago. The (6) \_\_\_\_\_ here today.

The researcher was surprised (7) \_\_\_\_\_ turned

pink. She thought (8) \_\_\_\_\_ black. She

explained how important (9) \_\_\_\_\_. She said:

"Imagine you could (10) \_\_\_\_\_ dinosaur skin that

still has its original (11) \_\_\_\_\_ blue. That is

exactly the type of discovery (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PINK SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180713-pink-4.html>

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) \_\_\_\_\_

