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Level 1 – 9th July, 2022

Study finds that blue is the most popular colour

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Please try Levels 0, 2 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 all our lives. A new study from the BBC found that the most common favourite colour is blue. It also found that people change the colours they like as they get older. Experiences in life also change the way people feel about colour. Many people like darker colours as they get older. The BBC said dark yellowish-brown was the world's least liked colour.

The BBC found that blue has been a favourite colour since the 1800s. Most people's experiences of blue are positive. Many colours in nature are blue, especially the sea and sky. A blue sky makes people happy. A negative association with blue is in the English language. In English, people say they are "feeling blue". This means they feel sad. Sport sometimes helps people choose a favourite colour. Many people like the colour of their favourite team.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20220601-what-your-favourite-colour-says-about-you>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Everyone has a | a. in life |
| 2. We usually like it | b. from the BBC |
| 3. A new study | c. colours they like |
| 4. the most | d. about colour |
| 5. people change the | e. all our lives |
| 6. experiences | f. common |
| 7. change the way people feel | g. brown |
| 8. dark yellowish- | h. favourite colour |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a favourite colour since | a. feel sad |
| 2. people's experiences of blue | b. like the colour |
| 3. a negative | c. language |
| 4. the English | d. team |
| 5. This means they | e. the 1800s |
| 6. Sport sometimes helps | f. association with blue |
| 7. Many people | g. people choose |
| 8. their favourite | h. are positive |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Everyone has a favourite colour. We usually
(1) _____ our lives. A new study from the BBC
found that (2) _____ favourite colour is blue. It
also found that people change the colours they like
(3) _____ older. Experiences in life also change
the way (4) _____ colour. Many people like
darker colours as they get older. The BBC said
(5) _____ was the world's
(6) _____.

The BBC found that blue has (7) _____ colour
since the 1800s. Most people's experiences of
(8) _____. Many colours in nature are blue,
especially the sea and sky. A blue sky (9) _____.
A negative association with blue is in (10) _____.
In English, people say they are "feeling blue". This means
(11) _____. Sport sometimes helps people
choose a favourite colour. Many people like
(12) _____ their favourite 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.
