

HOME LEARNING

English Home Learning Pack 13 – Year 7

Spoken Language

For this week's speaking and listening activity, think and talk about the following colours.

Green, Blue, Red, Pink, Purple, Yellow and White.

Have a discussion with a friend or family member about what each colour means to you. Discuss how it makes you feel, what it reminds you of and how you would describe it to someone who had never seen it. Afterwards, decide which is your favourite and explain why. Talk about what do you like about it and what makes it special to you.

For example, red:

- Does red resemble anger for you? Or love?
- Might it remind you of a sports team, or a song, or a film?
- Might it make you think of an object? Something you own?
- Or could it make you feel nostalgic for a certain place?

Reading

Now read the following poem and answer the questions below in full sentences.

'I asked the little boy who cannot see' written by Anonymous

I asked the little boy who cannot see,
'And what is colour like?'
'Why, green,' said he,
'Is like the rustle when the wind blows through
The forest; running water, that is blue;
And red is like a trumpet sound; and pink
Is like the smell of roses; and I think
That purple must be like a thunderstorm;
And yellow is like something soft and warm;
And white is a pleasant stillness when you lie
And dream.'

Questions

1. What does 'anonymous' mean about the writer?
2. What is the poem about?
3. Who are the characters and what are they doing?

4. How is the colour green described?
5. Which colour is described as 'running water'?
6. How similar is this to your idea of the colour?
7. Why do you think the colour red described as being 'like a trumpet sound'?
8. Which colours are the most peaceful? Explain your answer.
9. If the colour black was included, how do you think it would be described?

Writing

Expanding on your speaking and listening discussion, write a short paragraph describing your favourite colour. Imagine you were talking to someone who had never seen colours before; what physical objects, feelings or even types of weather could you compare or liken it to?

Try to include similes in your description.

A simile is a language device, or figure of speech, which is used when comparing one thing with another thing of a different kind, using the words 'like' or 'as'. Similes are used to make a description more emphatic or vivid. (e.g. as brave as a lion).

If necessary, re-read the poem above for examples of this. Purple, for example, is described as being 'like a thunderstorm'.