All the colours of the rainbow

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

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Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each colour expression with its meaning.

1 pale blue	____	a very deep blue, like some uniforms
2 dark green	____	b containing several different colours
3 bright yellow	____	c strong yellow that is easy to notice
4 navy blue	____	d blue like a clear daytime sky
5 sky blue	____	e green with little lightness
6 snow white	____	f completely black
7 jet black	____	g light and soft blue
8 multicoloured	____	h pure, brilliant white

2 Complete the colour descriptions.

black | blue | bright | dark | multicoloured | navy | pale | white

1 a _____ pink scarf

2 a _____ red sign

3 a _____ brown jacket

4 a _____ blue suit

5 a sky-_____ ceiling

6 a snow-_____ shirt

7 jet-_____ hair

8 a _____ festival costume

3 Choose the correct colour expression.

1 A soft, light shade is *pale blue / jet black*.

2 A very deep blue suit is *navy blue / sky blue*.

3 A warning vest is often *bright yellow / dark green*.

4 A clear summer sky is *sky blue / snow white*.

5 Fresh snow may look *snow white / navy blue*.

6 Very black hair can be *jet black / pale pink*.

7 A dress with many colours is *multicoloured / dark*.

8 A forest at dusk may look *dark green / bright yellow*.

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4 Complete the parade description with words from the box.

bright yellow | dark green | jet black | multicoloured | navy blue | pale blue | sky blue | snow white

The parade began under a **1** _____ sky. The first group wore **2** _____ jackets with **3** _____ shirts. Behind them came dancers in **4** _____ costumes. One carried a **5** _____ flag that could be seen from far away. Another wore a soft **6** _____ scarf. The musicians had **7** _____ hats, while the final float was covered with **8** _____ leaves.

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

Colours that help

Colour can make everyday information easier to follow. At one sports centre, blue signs lead to the pool, green signs lead to the garden and orange signs mark changing rooms. Each sign also includes a word and a simple symbol. This is important because not everyone sees colour in the same way. The centre uses strong contrast, but it never relies on colour alone.

1 Colour can organise everyday information. T / F

2 Blue signs lead to the garden. T / F

3 Orange marks the changing rooms. T / F

4 The signs contain no words. T / F

5 Everyone sees colour in exactly the same way. T / F

6 The centre uses more than colour to communicate. T / F

6 Rewrite using the expression in capitals.

1 Her hair is completely black. **JET** _____

2 The walls are a soft, light blue. **PALE** _____

3 The costume contains many colours. **MULTICOLOURED** _

4 His formal jacket is very deep blue. **NAVY** _____

OVER TO YOU

Write a **70-90 word** description of a colourful place, event or outfit. Explain which colours stand out and what information they communicate.

[ ] Use at least six target expressions. [ ] Use colour modifiers accurately. [ ] Mention contrast or visibility.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Colour expressions

1 **g** 2 **e** 3 **c** 4 **a** 5 **d** 6 **h** 7 **f** 8 **b**

2 Colour descriptions

1 **pale** 2 **bright** 3 **dark** 4 **navy** 5 **blue** 6 **white** 7 **black** 8 **multicoloured**

3 Correct expressions

1 **pale blue** 2 **navy blue** 3 **bright yellow** 4 **sky blue**
5 **snow white** 6 **jet black** 7 **multicoloured** 8 **dark green**

4 Parade description

1 **sky blue** 2 **navy blue** 3 **snow white** 4 **multicoloured** 5 **bright yellow** 6 **pale blue** 7 **jet black** 8 **dark green**

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 **T** 2 **F** 3 **T** 4 **F** 5 **F** 6 **T**

6 Rewriting - possible answers

1 Her hair is **jet black**. 2 The walls are **pale blue**. 3 The costume is **multicoloured**. 4 His jacket is **navy blue**.

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check modifier choice, contrast and clear description.