

Colour Idioms

1. OMG! My bank account is **in the red**!
2. John **was so green** when he started at the company, that he thought that “know-how” was a North American indian greeting!
3. Peter’s friends **call him yellow**, because he always runs away from a fight.
4. A postcard from my aunt in Australia arrived yesterday **out of the blue**.
5. Things aren’t so **black and white**, you have to consider all the angles before you make a decision.
6. I go to the cinema **once in a blue moon**.
7. Jane is **feeling blue** today. She’s just lost her job.
8. My God, Lucy! You’re **as white as a ghost** – sit down and tell me what’s wrong.
9. It’s OK to **tell a white lie** once in a while.
10. Mary is **the black sheep of the family**, that’s why she was not invited.
11. The police **caught Bob red-handed**, so he’ll certainly go to jail.
12. The fact that she hasn’t answered any calls in 24 hours should raise **a red flag**.
13. I got **a green light** to go to the party on Saturday.
14. Guns are much cheaper **on the black market**, but I wouldn’t recommend them.
15. When you apply for citizenship, you face a lot of **red tape**.

Exercise. Which colour idioms are depicted in the images below?



a) _____



b) _____



c) _____



d) _____