

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

THE FEELING OF COLOUR

Before you watch

1 Match the definitions with the words in the box.

a compliment a shade
to cheer (someone) up to perceive

- a nice remark about someone or their appearance a compliment
- to see or notice to perceive
- one type of a colour, e.g. dark or pale blue a shade
- make someone feel happier to cheer (someone) up

2 What feelings do you associate with different colours? Match the words with the colours. Compare your answers with your partner.

angry boring calm clean happy
hungry love open
relaxing romantic unhappy

- blue: calm, relaxing red: angry, love
green: calm, relaxing white: clean, open
grey: unhappy, boring yellow: happy, hungry
purple: romantic

While you watch

3 Watch the video and find out if your answers to Exercise 2 were right. Correct the wrong ones.



4 Watch the video up to 01:41 and complete the sentences.

- The expression 'men in grey suits' is not meant to be a compliment.
- The fact that grey hair is fashionable now shows that our attitude to colours can change.
- We think people with brightly-coloured clothes are interesting because their clothes reflect their personality.
- The clothes you wear on one particular day may tell people how you are feeling.
- The colours you see around you can also make you feel different emotions.

5 Watch the video from 01:41 to the end. Are the sentences T (true) or F (false)? Correct the false sentences.

- Hospitals paint their walls blue or green to cheer patients up.
F – It is to relax the patients/create a calm and relaxing environment.
- A restaurant with yellow walls could make us eat more.
T
- In some cultures people often use purple to paint their homes.
F – They often use white.
- The human eye can see over a thousand colours.
F – It can see over a million colours.
- We don't all see each colour in the same way or have the same feelings when we see it.
T

After you watch

6 Discuss the questions below with a partner. Do you agree or disagree?

- What colour are the rooms in your home? What effect does this have on you?
- Do you like wearing brightly-coloured clothes? Why / Why not?
- What is your favourite colour? What do you think this says about you?

Students' own answers