## Idioms with colours

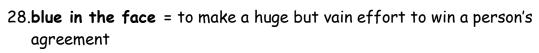
- 1. yellow-bellied = extremely timid, cowardly
- 2. as white as a sheet = very scared
- 3. white as a ghost = very pale because of fear, shock or illness

- 4. white lie = an innocent lie to protect another person's feelings
- 5. a white-collar worker = a professional or office worker who wears a shirt with a white collar
- 6. in the red = in debt
- 7. **beet red** = dark red (usually to describe face)
- 8. red tape = official or bureaucratic tasks
- 9. catch red handed = catch someone in the act of doing something wrong or illegal

10. see red = be very angry

- 11. to be shown the red card = to be dismissed from your job.
- 12. roll out the red carpet = treat someone like royalty
- 13. paint the town red = go out and party and have a good time
- 14. a redneck = an ignorant, insensitive person
- 15. as red as a cherry/ as red as a poppy = bright red
- 16. as red as blood/ as red as a ruby = deep red
- 17. in the pink (of condition) = in very good health
- 18. pink slip = a termination notice from a job
- 19. see pink elephants = to see things which are not really there because they are only in your imagination
- 20.to be green =inexperienced, immature
- 21. the green light = permission
- 22.green with envy= very jealous
- 23.green thumb = be skillful in the garden
- 24.green belt = an area of fields and trees around a town
- 25.to appear/happen out of the blue = arrive unexpectedly, usually after a long absence.

- 2. to happen very suddenly and unexpectedly
- 26.to blue pencil something = to censor something.
- 27.a bolt from the blue = unexpected bad news



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29.once in a blue moon= very rarely

30.blue-eyed boy = is someone's favourite

31. have the blues = be sad or depressed

32.black and blue = bruised and beaten

33.to look / feel blue = to look / feel depressed

34.to be browned off = to be bored, annoyed at something, out of patience

35.a golden boy = a young man idolized for a great skill, usually in sport.

36.golden opportunity = the perfect chance, a great opportunity that might never come again

37.a golden handshake = a large sum of money paid to a retiring manager or director, or to a redundant worker.

38.born with a silver spoon in one's mouth = born into a rich family

39. the silver screen = the cinema

40.silver lining = A silver lining refers to the good or pleasant side-effects of an unpleasant situation, a metaphor for optimism

41. (as)black as a skillet/ as black as night / as black as a stack of black cats/ as black as pitch/ as black as coal = very black

42.in (someone's) black books = to be in disgrace or in disfavor with someone

43.black sheep= the odd or bad member of the group

44.in the black = successful or profitable

45.black out = faint, to lose consciousness, to darken by putting out or dimming electric lights

46.black and white = straight forward, very clear

47.off colour = sb who looks or feels ill.

48.with flying colours = with distinction, with great or total success

49.show one's true colours = reveals their real nature, with their qualities and/or weaknesses

50.a grey area = something which is not definite

