

37 Idioms and metaphors: colour

A Complete the idioms and metaphors with the words in the box.

black blue green grey red white

- If you get a mark, people think that something you have done is bad and they will remember it in future.
- If you are as as a sheet, you are very pale, usually because you are frightened or ill.
- If a subject or problem is a area, people do not know how to deal with it because there are no clear rules.
- If something happens out of the, it happens suddenly and you are not expecting it.
- If you are with envy, you wish very much that you had something that another person has.
- If a statement or an action is like a rag to a bull, it makes someone very angry.

B Complete the idioms and metaphors with five of the colours from A.

- If you have fingers, you are good at keeping plants healthy and making them grow.
- If you say something until you're in the face, you keep saying the same thing again and again but no one listens to you.
- If you catch someone-handed, you discover them doing something illegal or wrong.
- If you feel, you feel sad.
- If something is given the light, it is officially allowed to happen.
- If you think facts and situations are and, you have a simple and very certain opinion about them.

C Complete the sentences with idioms and metaphors from A and B.

- I hadn't spoken to Alice for ages. Then she phoned me
- Susie didn't look well. She was
- If you don't hand in your homework, that will be against your name.
- I was when a friend of mine won a trip to Australia.
- Sarah gets very angry about inequality in the workplace. When her boss said that she should make the tea every morning, it was
- I don't know who's responsible for looking after the money. It's a bit of