

flame



russet

rhododendron

crimson

maroon



vermillion

fiery



RED COLORS

cerise



cherry

rufescent

carmine



salmon

lobster



cardinal



ferruginous

watermelon



rouge rojo

idioms

red tape red herring

COOL CONNECTION

Baton Rouge

beginner

beginner
intermediate

intermediate

intermediate
advanced


advanced

challenge

all levels

RED COLORS




Some colors on the web — marked with  — are not defined but should be used in your writing. Unless otherwise indicated, the colors are adjectives.

cardinal: A bright color *red* as shown by the cardinal flower, the cardinal bird and the color of a cardinal of the Catholic church's hat

carmine A strong to vivid *red*; a crimson pigment derived from cochineal. Carmine Bee-eaters live in Africa.

cerise: *Cherry*. Would you describe Old Saint Nick's nose as cerise?

cranberry: The color of a cranberry and the bogs where they grow

crimson :  What university's teams are known as the **1** Crimson Tide? Why?

ferrous (rust); ferruginous: Rust-*red*. I saw the Ferruginous Owl in Texas.


garnet: A dark to very dark *red*; a semiprecious stone

maroon: A dark *reddish* brown to dark purplish *red*


other reds: Chinese, bittersweet, burgundy, cordovan, reddish (soil, egret), **lobster, foxy, beet, brick**


ruddy: Having a healthy, *reddish* color; *rosy*. He has a ruddy complexion. I watched the Ruddy Duck diving in the lake.


rufescent: Red. The Rufescent Tiger-Heron is a bird as handsome as it is tall.

scarlet: This bright color *red* lends its name to the Scarlet Tanager and to Scarlet Fever.  How did the latter get its name?

vermilion: A bright red pigment. The Vermilion Flycatcher called from the tree limb.


 No matter how **scarlet** the sunset, those red hills never became vermilion." Willa Cather

 Are you noticing how many of these colors are used in the naming of various forms of nature?

 Use a search engine to discover more uses of any of the red colors mentioned above.

COOL CONNECTION

rhododendron

rhodonis: Rosy. Rhododendrons grow in my front yard.  Very tricky spelling here!


pyrhos: Flame-colored. Pyracantha bushes have red leaves and berries in the fall.

COOL CONNECTION


pyracantha

COOL CONNECTION

Baton Rouge

City in Louisiana, whose name in French means "red stick." Can you find out why? 


COOL CONNECTION


 Why might a boy be named Russell?

Russell





RED French: **rouge**
Spanish: **rojo**

 **5** What type of potato is a red color?

 **6** What do some women apply to their cheeks to make them appear *redder* than natural?

 **7** What color were Darling Clementine's lips?

 **8** What about Dorothy's shoes in the Wizard of Oz?

 **9** Explain at least one of the following:

- in the red
- to see red
- to paint the town red
- bloodshot eyes
- wave a red flag
- looking at the world through rose-colored glasses

idioms

red tape: Official forms and procedures, especially when oppressively complex and time consuming. Expression comes from the red tape once used to tie up official documents. There was a good deal of red tape involved when we adopted a our baby. Explain any red tape you have had to deal with.

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Flood coverage awash in red tape



Family planning's red herring

■ U.S. support for world population control continues to be burdened by the myth of widespread abortion.



red herring: A subject intended to divert attention from the main question. Students often try to introduce red herrings into a conversation to distract their teacher.



Make your writing more interesting by choosing descriptive color words. Instead of writing, "The culprit was embarrassed when he was caught," be more creative with something like this: "The culprit flushed scarlet when caught wearing an outfit of a maroon sweater with garnet slacks."

Make a collage of various shades of red crayons. Take a photograph of it or make a drawing of it and paste the results below or on a poster board. Check out the names of red colors for lips and nails, such as satin rose, plum, ruby, russet. Write your own here: _____



Find graphics from at least three of the following groups: Birds mentioned in the definitions (Northern Cardinal, Carmine Bee-eater, Ferruginous Owl, Reddish Egret, Ruddy Duck, Rufescent Tiger-Heron, Scarlet Tanager, Vermilion Flycatcher); plants (cardinal flower, rhododendron, pyracantha); fruits/vegetables (cherry, cranberry, mango, pomegranate, papaya, beet); gems (garnet, ruby); other: lobster.

Go to a paint store, select some red paint sample cards, check out their interesting names, such as: Rose freeze, fashion pink, grenadine, rosebud, new brick, salsa, midsummer dusk. You can use creative images like these when referring to any item — a car, articles of clothing, carpeting, furniture, houses, etc. — that has a color. Color your own paint samples below and give each a name.

Five empty rectangular boxes for drawing or coloring.



YOUR THINK LINKS ANSWERS

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ELEMENTS AND THEIR SYMBOLS

COOL CONNECTION



Cool Connection: A word not usually recognized as being related to a certain word stem



Literary Link: A quotation that shows an application of a word



Periodical Pearl: Example of a word or phrase clipped from newspapers or other periodical publications to illustrate usage



Teaching Tip: For students, a warning about tricky spelling or pronunciation; for teachers, a reminder to monitor students' participation



Think Link: A question that encourages and challenges students to think creatively; may be used as a springboard for classroom discussions or left for students to work out on their own