

## Advanced vocabulary – idioms with color

Choose the correct color idiom from below to fill the space in each sentence. The idiom may need to be transformed so it works correctly in the sentence.

see red	browned off
green with envy	out of the blue
rose colored spectacles	in the red
tickled pink	get the green light
black sheep	green thumb
caught red handed	black market
golden child	white lie

1. We had been living together for years, then  he tells me he's moving to Japan. It was the surprise of my life.
2. It won't be possible for me to go to London this year. My savings account is  and we all know that banks aren't the most flexible.
3. The local police arrested the city's most notorious graffiti artist. She was  spray painting the statue of Horace Grant, the war hero, Monday night.
4. Jonathan's family has always thought of him as the  but he's never really done anything to deserve the title. Everyone thinks his brother is the worst!
5. Mary can do nothing in the eyes of her mother, she is her .
6. When the woman wouldn't stop complaining that her card again had been ruined, which it hadn't, I  and told her to take it to another dry cleaners

7. If you tell your children that Santa Claus really exists, it's not being dishonest, it's just a little  to keep them happy.
8. We got hit bingo at last night's games! Theodore was , saying we could forget about ever working again. I had only won 300 euros.
9. I took my new car over to my friend Joe's house he acted so weird when he saw it. My father says he's just .
10. When David's parents bought the house, the backyard was a disaster. But we all know what a  his father has and now it looks wonderful.
11. We have had to jump through so many hoops on this project we were amazed when we finally got  from the government.
12. Our plane was delayed for 20 hours in shanghai, when it finally arrived I was so  that I didn't care about being moved to first class.
13. Take off those  and see the world for what it really is. It's not all puppy dogs and butterflies.
14. There aren't any legal products in this country but you might be able to find it on the . But be careful buying there as it is also illegal.

Answers...

Question 1 - : out of the blue.

Question 2 - : in the red.

Question 3 - : caught red handed.

Question 4 - : black sheep of the family.

Question 5 - : golden child.

Question 6 - : saw red.

Question 7 - : white lie.

Question 8 - : tickled pink.

Question 9 - : green with envy.

Question 10 - : green thumb.

Question 11 - : the green light.

Question 12 - : browned off.

Question 13 - : rose colored spectacles.

Question 14 - : black market.