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Lesson 1

READING READINESS

- **A.** The following sentences are the first sentences of each paragraph in the story below. What do you think the story is about?
 - During the days when kings and emperors ruled, people had to think very carefully about what they wanted to wear before they got dressed in the morning.
 - Colours have different uses and can tell us many things.
 - Did you know that some people can't see all colours?
 - Sometimes being colour-blind can be dangerous.
 - Colour is everywhere around us.

B. Read the story.

THE IMPORTANCE OF COLOUR

Can you imagine someone putting you in prison for wearing a certain colour?

During the days when kings and **emperors ruled**, people had to think very carefully about what they wanted to wear before they got dressed in the morning. For example, in ancient Rome, only the emperor and his family could wear purple or gold clothes, and in China, no one could wear yellow clothes except the emperor. In France, scarlet was the royal colour, and only a princess could wear clothes of that colour. If a person wore clothes of these royal colours, they seemed to be saying, "I am royalty!" If it wasn't true, the person could go to prison.

Colours have different uses and can tell us many things. For example, we roll out a red carpet for very important people such as presidents, movie stars, kings and queens, and even astronauts when they return from **space**. This custom actually began a long time ago. When there were no sidewalks,

people rolled out a red carpet for royalty to walk on. The red carpet kept their shoes clean and their long **robes** from getting dirty in the mud.



Did you know that some people can't see all colours? People who are colour-blind think that some colours look the same. They can only see two colours in a **rainbow**. These people confuse red with green, and yellow with blue. In a way, animals are also colour-blind. Many animals, like dogs, cats and horses, don't see colour the way we do.

Sometimes being colour-blind can be dangerous. If someone confuses red with green, he could have trouble crossing the street or driving a car. People who are colour-blind have to find other ways to cross the road safely. They can often tell what colour the traffic signal is by the brightness of the light.

Colour is everywhere around us. It helps to make the world a beautiful place. Those people who can see all the colours of the rainbow are the luckiest of all.

C. Look for these words in the story. Can you guess their meanings? Put the words in alphabetical order. Check their meanings in the Vocabulary at the back of the book.

imagine	custom
certain	kept
carefully	confuse
got dressed	dangerous
ancient	safely
royal	brightness
roll out	

Word	Meaning
	
	
	
	
	
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UNDERSTANDING THE STORY

- **A.** Decide if the sentences about the story are true or false. If any are false, correct them.
- 1 In China, only the emperor could wear purple.
- 2 In ancient Romania, only the members of the emperor's family could dress in purple or gold clothes.
- 3 If people in France wore royal colours but weren't part of the royal family, they could go to prison.
- 4 When astronauts come back to Earth, we often roll out a red carpet for them.
- 5 All colours look the same to people who are colour-blind.
- 6 Animals see colour just the way we do.
- 7 If a person who is colour-blind confuses red with green, he could have a traffic accident.
- 8 The brightness of the traffic signals helps people who aren't colour-blind cross the street safely.

WORD POWER

A. Fill in the words which are missing from the table. They are all from your list.

Noun (n)	Verb (v)	Adjective (adj)
certainty		certain
imagination		imaginary
royalty		
		customary
confusion		confused / confusing
danger	endanger	
	brighten	bright

D	• Complete the sente	nces with word	is from the tat	DIE IN A.
1	My brother usually has interesting ideas because he has such a good			
2	I don't want to go sky	-diving becaus	e it's	·
3	They love to read abo	out the	fa	amily in the newspaper
4	My instructions were		and she	got lost.
5	The sun was so		that I had to p	out on my sunglasses.
6	It is a Ukrainian		to set up didu	ıh at home on the
	Christmas Eve ¹ .			
L/	NGUAGE FOCUS: US	ING CAN, COU	LD AND HAVE	<u>T0</u>
^	to can you find? Cop Can: Could:	py one exampl	e sentence for	
	Have to:			
В	• Complete the senter to. Use both positiv			^f can, could or have
1	My mother says I		finish my h	omework.
2	I	_ paint a pictu	re because I do	on't have any paint.
3	Yesterday I	he	lp my father pa	aint the house.
4	I	decide what	colour to pain	t my room, so I just
	painted it white.			
5	He studied English m	any years ago, l	but he	still
	speak very well.			
6	The store is closed no	w, so you		go tomorrow.

¹ ... on the Christmas Eve - напередодні Різдва

C	C. Here is a list of activities. Complete the sentences with expressions from the list in red and can, could and have to. Make sure you use all three.				
	be home early	make money	speak French		
	brush my teeth	play basketball	•		
	climb trees	play the piano	tidy my room		
1	At last I <u>can stay out late.</u>				
2	I think I				
3	Sometimes I				
4	When I was younger I				
5	When I am older I				
6	I always				
8	Yesterday I				
	AVING FUN Follow these instruction	ns to learn about	colour and draw a picture.		
	Paint the area 'A' red.				
1	Paint the area 'C' yellow.		Λ		
	Paint the area 'E' blue.				
	These are called primary	colours			
2	Mix red with yellow and				
_	Mix yellow with blue and	•	1 /3/13/1		
	Mix red with blue and pa	•			
3					
-					
	red and blue?				
	These are called seconda	ary colours.			

