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Bright pink is the world's oldest colour

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THE ARTICLE

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Most of us might think that the world's oldest colour is black or dark grey. However, scientists have found out that bright pink is the oldest known colour. Researchers looked at 1.1-billion-year-old rocks deep beneath the Sahara Desert. They crushed the rocks into powder and found the bright pink colouring in them. This means that pink is the oldest colour on geological record. Dr. Nur Gueneli from the Australia National University led the research. She made the discovery in a lab in Australia. Dr. Gueneli said the colour was produced by ancient organisms that lived in the oceans. She added that the oceans are so old they no longer exist. At that time, tiny organisms were the largest life forms on Earth.

Dr. Gueneli said her first reaction was "sheer amazement". She said her team thought the rock powder might turn black when they were doing their experiments on it. Instead, it turned pink. Another researcher said: "I remember I heard this screaming in the lab. Dr. Gueneli came running into my office and said, 'look at this,' and she had this bright pink stuff...It turned out to be real colour, 1.1 billion years old." The rocks could contain other colours, from a blood red to a deep purple. Gueneli explained how important her find was. She said: "Imagine you could find a fossilized dinosaur skin that still has its original colour - green or blue. That is exactly the type of discovery that we've made."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2018/07/10/health/oldest-color-pink-trnd/index.html>
<https://www.livescience.com/63022-earths-oldest-color-found.html>
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WARM-UPS

1. PINK: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about pink. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

black / scientists / bright pink / powder / geological / research / organisms / tiny reaction / experiments / screaming / stuff / blood red / imagine / dinosaur / discovery

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. GEOLOGY: Students A **strongly** believe geology is important; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. COLOUR: What do you think of these colours? How useful are they? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What you think	Usefulness
Pink		
Black		
Green		
Yellow		
Blue		
Red		

5. BLACK: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "black". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. BEST COLOURS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best colours at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- pink
- black
- blue
- green
- yellow
- red
- silver
- purple

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. found out | a. Very, very, very, very old. |
| 2. bright | b. Discovered something new. |
| 3. beneath | c. Very fine, small, dry, dust-like particles. |
| 4. crushed | d. When a colour is really, really clear and shining. |
| 5. powder | e. Squashed so much something becomes black or breaks up. |
| 6. geological | f. Under. |
| 7. ancient | g. About the study of the earth's physical structure and substance. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. reaction | h. What happens because of a situation or event. |
| 9. experiments | i. Totally, totally accurate. |
| 10. lab | j. Tests done by people to find out new things. |
| 11. stuff | k. The huge animals that lived on Earth millions of years ago. |
| 12. contain | l. A room or building full of people and things for research. |
| 13. dinosaur | m. Things. |
| 14. exactly | n. Have inside or as part of. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180713-pink.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article said black was the world's oldest colour. **T / F**
- b. Scientists found pink colouring in 1.1-billion-year-old rocks. **T / F**
- c. The rocks with the pink colouring were found in the desert in Australia. **T / F**
- d. The pink colouring came from chemical reactions in caves. **T / F**
- e. A researcher thought rock powder would turn a white colour. **T / F**
- f. Another researcher heard the lead researcher scream in a lab. **T / F**
- g. The lead researcher said the rocks could contain other colours. **T / F**
- h. A researcher likened her discovery to finding blue dinosaur skin. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 1. found out | a. very old |
| 2. beneath | b. significant |
| 3. produced | c. biggest |
| 4. ancient | d. initial |
| 5. largest | e. under |
| 6. first | f. include |
| 7. amazement | g. discovered |
| 8. contain | h. precisely |
| 9. important | i. created |
| 10. exactly | j. surprise |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Most of us might | a. other colours |
| 2. 1.1-billion-year-old rocks deep beneath | b. on geological record |
| 3. They crushed the | c. that we've made |
| 4. pink is the oldest colour | d. rocks into powder |
| 5. tiny | e. "sheer amazement" |
| 6. her first reaction was | f. the Sahara Desert |
| 7. I remember I heard this screaming | g. dinosaur skin |
| 8. The rocks could contain | h. organisms |
| 9. find a fossilized | i. think that |
| 10. exactly the type of discovery | j. in the lab |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180713-pink.html>

Most of us might think that the world's oldest colour is black or (1) _____ grey. However, scientists have found out that bright pink is the oldest (2) _____ colour. Researchers looked at 1.1-billion-year-old rocks deep beneath the Sahara Desert. They (3) _____ the rocks into powder and found the bright pink colouring in them. This means that pink is the oldest colour on geological (4) _____. Dr. Nur Gueneli from the Australia National University led the research. She made the (5) _____ in a lab in Australia. Dr. Gueneli said the colour was produced by (6) _____ organisms that lived in the oceans. She added that the oceans are so old they no longer (7) _____. At that time, tiny organisms were the largest life (8) _____ on Earth.

record
exist
dark
forms
discovery
crushed
known
ancient

Dr. Gueneli said her first (9) _____ was "sheer amazement". She said her team thought the rock (10) _____ might turn black when they were doing their experiments on it. Instead, it turned pink. Another researcher said: "I remember I heard this (11) _____ in the lab. Dr. Gueneli came running into my office and said, 'look at this,' and she had this bright pink (12) _____ ...It turned out to be real colour, 1.1 billion years old." The rocks could (13) _____ other colours, from a blood red to a (14) _____ purple. Gueneli explained how important her find was. She said: "Imagine you could find a fossilized dinosaur (15) _____ that still has its original colour - green or blue. That is exactly the (16) _____ of discovery that we've made."

stuff
reaction
type
deep
screaming
contain
powder
skin

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180713-pink.html>

- 1) Most of us might think that the world's oldest colour is black _____
 - a. or darkly grey
 - b. or duck grey
 - c. or drake grey
 - d. or dark grey
- 2) Researchers looked at 1.1-billion-year-old rocks deep _____ Sahara Desert
 - a. beneath a
 - b. beneath this
 - c. beneath them
 - d. beneath the
- 3) They crushed the rocks into powder and found the bright pink _____
 - a. colouring in them
 - b. colour in then
 - c. coloured in them
 - d. colouring in then
- 4) She added that the oceans are so old they _____
 - a. no longer existence
 - b. no longer exists
 - c. no longer exist
 - d. no longer desist
- 5) At that time, tiny organisms were the largest _____ Earth
 - a. life forms on
 - b. life farms on
 - c. life firms on
 - d. life frames on
- 6) Dr. Gueneli said her first reaction was " _____ "
 - a. sheep amazement
 - b. sheen amazement
 - c. sheer amazement
 - d. sheet amazement
- 7) the rock powder might turn black when they were doing their _____
 - a. experiments on it
 - b. experiments in it
 - c. experiments to it
 - d. experiments of it
- 8) Another researcher said: "I remember I heard this screaming _____."
 - a. in the lab
 - b. in the lob
 - c. in the lib
 - d. in the rib
- 9) The rocks could contain other colours, from a blood red _____ purple
 - a. to a depth
 - b. to adept
 - c. to a deep
 - d. to add deep
- 10) Imagine you could find a fossilized dinosaur skin that still has its _____
 - a. original colour
 - b. originals colours
 - c. originally colour
 - d. original colours

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Dr. Gueneli said (7) _____ was "sheer amazement". She said her team thought the rock powder might turn black when they were doing their (8) _____. Instead, it turned pink. Another researcher said: "I remember I heard this screaming in the lab. Dr. Gueneli came running (9) _____ and said, 'look at this,' and she had this bright pink stuff...It turned out to be real colour, 1.1 billion years old." The rocks could contain other colours, from a (10) _____ a deep purple. Gueneli explained how important her find was. She said: "Imagine you (11) _____ fossilized dinosaur skin that still has its original colour - green or blue. That is exactly the (12) _____ that we've made."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180713-pink.html>

1. What colours did the article say we might have thought were the oldest?
2. How old were the rocks the scientists looked at?
3. What did the scientists do to the rocks to turn them into powder?
4. Which university are the researchers from?
5. Where are the oceans in which ancient organisms lived?
6. What was Dr Gueneli's first reaction?
7. What colour did Dr Gueneli initially think the rock powder would turn to?
8. What did a researcher hear coming from a lab?
9. What other two colours did researchers say could be in the rocks?
10. What did Dr Gueneli compare her discovery to?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180713-pink.html>

- 1) What colours did the article say we might have thought were the oldest?
 - a) silver and gold
 - b) green and blue
 - c) white and yellow
 - d) black and dark grey
- 2) How old were the rocks the scientists looked at?
 - a) 11 million years old
 - b) 1.1 billion years old
 - c) 11 billion years old
 - d) 1.1 million years old
- 3) What did the scientists do to the rocks to turn them into powder?
 - a) sliced them
 - b) dissolved them
 - c) crushed them
 - d) melted them
- 4) Which university are the researchers from?
 - a) Australia National University
 - b) Cairo University
 - c) Oxford University
 - d) Tokyo University
- 5) Where are the oceans in which ancient organisms lived?
 - a) the Indian Ocean
 - b) the Pacific
 - c) they no longer exist
 - d) the Atlantic
- 6) What was Dr Gueneli's first reaction?
 - a) boredom
 - b) amazement
 - c) disappointment
 - d) horror
- 7) What colour did Dr Gueneli initially think the rock powder would turn to?
 - a) gold
 - b) silver
 - c) white
 - d) black
- 8) What did a researcher hear coming from a lab?
 - a) screaming
 - b) sirens
 - c) crying
 - d) clapping
- 9) What other two colours did researchers say could be in the rocks?
 - a) black and white
 - b) blue and green
 - c) red and purple
 - d) silver and gold
- 10) What did Dr Gueneli compare her discovery to?
 - a) a Moon landing
 - b) the finding of dinosaur skin
 - c) the theory of relativity
 - d) the invention of the printing press

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Pink

You think pink is the best colour. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their colours. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): black, red or blue.

Role B – Black

You think black is the best colour. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their colours. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pink, red or blue.

Role C – Red

You think red is the best colour. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their colours. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): black, pink or blue.

Role D – Blue

You think blue is the best colour. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their colours. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): black, red or pink.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180713-pink.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'pink' and 'rock'.

pink	rock
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• dark• beneath• record• led• lived• largest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• first• instead• office• blood• skin• exactly
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PINK SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about pink in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

PINK DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'pink'?
3. What do you think of the colour pink?
4. Do you prefer the colour black or pink?
5. Why weren't there colours before this pink was found?
6. What colour was the rest of Earth when the rocks were pink?
7. What is the colour pink used for today?
8. How big a discovery is this?
9. How interested are you in geology?
10. What happened to the ancient oceans?

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PINK DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'rock'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why is pink associated with love and romance today?
15. When was the last time you were totally amazed?
16. Will scientists ever find dinosaur skin with its original colour?
17. What's your favourite colour, and why?
18. How important is colour?
19. What pink things do you have?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Dr. Gueneli said her first reaction was "(7) _____ amazement". She said her team thought the rock powder might turn black when they were (8) _____ their experiments on it. Instead, it turned pink. Another researcher said: "I remember I heard (9) _____ screaming in the lab. Dr. Gueneli came running into my office and said, 'look at this,' and she had this bright pink stuff...It turned (10) _____ to be real colour, 1.1 billion years old." The rocks could contain other colours, from a blood red to a (11) _____ purple. Gueneli explained how important her find was. She said: "Imagine you could find a fossilized dinosaur skin that still has its original colour - green or blue. That is (12) _____ the type of discovery that we've made."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) knew | (b) known | (c) knows | (d) knowing |
| 2. | (a) behest | (b) behind | (c) beyond | (d) beneath |
| 3. | (a) there | (b) them | (c) they | (d) that |
| 4. | (a) discover | (b) discovered | (c) discovery | (d) discovers |
| 5. | (a) that | (b) when | (c) what | (d) why |
| 6. | (a) no | (b) not | (c) non | (d) now |
| 7. | (a) sheep | (b) sheet | (c) sheen | (d) sheer |
| 8. | (a) doing | (b) done | (c) does | (d) do |
| 9. | (a) these | (b) this | (c) those | (d) them |
| 10. | (a) on | (b) up | (c) out | (d) in |
| 11. | (a) depth | (b) depend | (c) deep | (d) deeply |
| 12. | (a) exact | (b) exactly | (c) expect | (d) extent |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. siinettcss have found out
2. rocks deep hetaben the Sahara Desert
3. crushed the rocks into rdwope
4. the oldest colour on laogcilgeo record
5. She made the yodcivesr in a lab
6. tiny gsmanisor

Paragraph 2

7. her first rceoanti
8. doing their etmesrpinxe on it
9. I heard this rgnescima in the lab
10. she had this ihgbtr pink stuff
11. The rocks could aotncni other colours
12. still has its nioigrla colour

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () years old." The rocks could contain other colours, from a blood red to a deep purple. Gueneli explained how
- () said the colour was produced by ancient organisms that lived in the oceans. She added that the
- () office and said, 'look at this,' and she had this bright pink stuff...It turned out to be real colour, 1.1 billion
- () oceans are so old they no longer exist. At that time, tiny organisms were the largest life forms on Earth.
- () colouring in them. This means that pink is the oldest colour on geological record. Dr. Nur Gueneli from the
- () powder might turn black when they were doing their experiments on it. Instead, it turned
- () Australia National University led the research. She made the discovery in a lab in Australia. Dr. Gueneli
- (**1**) Most of us might think that the world's oldest colour is black or dark grey. However, scientists have found
- () out that bright pink is the oldest known colour. Researchers looked at 1.1-billion-year-old rocks deep
- () beneath the Sahara Desert. They crushed the rocks into powder and found the bright pink
- () pink. Another researcher said: "I remember I heard this screaming in the lab. Dr. Gueneli came running into my
- () Dr. Gueneli said her first reaction was "sheer amazement". She said her team thought the rock
- () colour - green or blue. That is exactly the type of discovery that we've made."
- () important her find was. She said: "Imagine you could find a fossilized dinosaur skin that still has its original

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. colour . known the is Bright pink oldest
2. into powder . rocks the crushed They
3. lived oceans . that the Ancient organisms in
4. longer old no Oceans so exist . they are
5. were largest Earth . the forms on life Organisms
6. it . their When doing they experiments on were
7. rocks could other colours . The contain
8. explained find how Gueneli her important was .
9. fossilized Imagine dinosaur a skin . you find could
10. the discovery we've of Exactly made . type that

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180713-pink.html>

Most of us might *think / thought* that the world's oldest colour is black or dark grey. However, scientists have found out that bright pink is the oldest *known / knowing* colour. Researchers looked at 1.1-billion-year-old rocks *deep / deeply* beneath the Sahara Desert. They *crashed / crushed* the rocks into powder and found the bright pink colouring in *there / them*. This means that pink is the oldest colour on *geology / geological* record. Dr. Nur Gueneli from the Australia National University *led / fed* the research. She made the discovery in a *label / lab* in Australia. Dr. Gueneli said the colour was produced *by / to* ancient organisms that lived in the oceans. She added that the oceans are so old they no longer exist. At that time, tiny organisms were the largest life forms *in / on* Earth.

Dr. Gueneli said her first *react / reaction* was "sheer amazement". She said her team thought the rock powder might *turning / turn* black when they were *doing / done* their experiments on it. Instead, it *turning / turned* pink. Another researcher said: "I remember I heard *those / this* screaming in the lab. Dr. Gueneli came running *into / onto* my office and said, 'look at this,' and she had this bright pink stuff...It *tuned / turned* out to be real colour, 1.1 billion years old." The rocks could contain other colours, from a blood red to a *depth / deep* purple. Gueneli explained how important her find was. She said: "Imagine you could find a fossilized dinosaur skin that *still / already* has its original colour - green or blue. That is *exactly / exact* the type of discovery that we've made."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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M_s_t _f _s m_g_h_t t_h_n_k t_h_t t_h_ w_r_l_d 's _l
d_s_t c_l__r _s b_l_c_k _r d_r_k g_r_y . H_w_v_r ,
s_c__n_t_s_t_s h_v_ f__n_d __t t_h_t b_r_i_g_h_t p_n_k
_s t_h_ l_d_s_t k_n_w_n c_l__r . R_s__r_c_h_r_s l__
k_d _t 1 . 1 - b_l_l__n - y__r - l_d r_c_k_s d__p
b_n__t_h t_h_ S_h_r_ D_s_r_t . T_h_y c_r_s_h_d t_h_
r_c_k_s _n_t_ p_w_d_r _n_d f__n_d t_h_ b_r_i_g_h_t p_n_k
k_c_l__r_n_g _n t_h_m . T_h_s m__n_s t_h_t p_n_k
_s t_h_ l_d_s_t c_l__r _n g__l_g_c_l r_c_r_d . D_r
. N_r G__n_l_ f_r_m t_h_ A_s_t_r_l__ N_t__n_l U
n_v_r_s_t_y l_d t_h_ r_s__r_c_h . S_h_ m_d_ t_h_ d_s
c_v_r_y _n _l_b _n A_s_t_r_l__ . D_r . G__n_l_ s__
d t_h_ c_l__r w_s p_r_d_c_d b_y _n_c__n_t _r_g_n_s
m_s t_h_t l_v_d _n t_h_ c__n_s . S_h_ d_d_d t_h_t
t_h_ c__n_s _r_s_ l_d t_h_y n_ l_n_g_r _x_s_t . A_t
t_h_t t_m_ , t_n_y _r_g_n_s_m_s w_r_ t_h_ l_r_g_s_t
l_f_ f_r_m_s _n E_r_t_h .

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d_s_c_v_r_y t_h_t w_'v_ m_d_ . "

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180713-pink.html>

most of us might think that the worlds oldest colour is black or dark grey however scientists have found out that bright pink is the oldest known colour researchers looked at 11billionyearold rocks deep beneath the sahara desert they crushed the rocks into powder and found the bright pink colouring in them this means that pink is the oldest colour on geological record dr nur gueneli from the australia national university led the research she made the discovery in a lab in australia dr gueneli said the colour was produced by ancient organisms that lived in the oceans she added that the oceans are so old they no longer exist at that time tiny organisms were the largest life forms on earth

dr gueneli said her first reaction was sheer amazement she said her team thought the rock powder might turn black when they were doing their experiments on it instead it turned pink another researcher said i remember i heard this screaming in the lab dr gueneli came running into my office and said look at this and she had this bright pink stuffit turned out to be real colour 11 billion years old the rocks could contain other colours from a blood red to a deep purple gueneli explained how important her find was she said imagine you could find a fossilized dinosaur skin that still has its original colour green or blue that is exactly the type of discovery that weve made

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **pink** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180713-pink.html>

Pink is the most important colour in the world. Discuss.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. COLOUR: Make a poster about colours. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PINK: Write a magazine article about the colour pink. Include imaginary interviews with people who love it and with those who hate it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on the colour pink. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on the colour pink. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c F d F e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1. found out | a. discovered |
| 2. beneath | b. under |
| 3. produced | c. created |
| 4. ancient | d. very old |
| 5. largest | e. biggest |
| 6. first | f. initial |
| 7. amazement | g. surprise |
| 8. contain | h. include |
| 9. important | i. significant |
| 10. exactly | j. precisely |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Black or dark grey
2. 1.1 billion years old
3. Crushed them
4. Australia National University
5. They no longer exist
6. Sheer amazement
7. Black
8. Screaming
9. Blood red and deep purple
10. Finding green or blue dinosaur skin

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Bright pink is the oldest known colour.
2. They crushed the rocks into powder.
3. Ancient organisms that lived in the oceans.
4. Oceans are so old they no longer exist.
5. Organisms were the largest life forms on Earth.
6. When they were doing their experiments on it.
7. The rocks could contain other colours.
8. Gueneli explained how important her find was.
9. Imagine you could find a fossilized dinosaur skin.
10. Exactly the type of discovery that we've made.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)