

SHADES OF GREEN



grass



peas



lime



malachite



jade stone



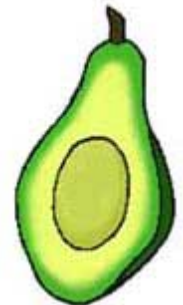
pine



lime



moss



avocado

As you can see by studying the web, all the words are intended for students at all levels.

The main reason for a color in the Root-and-Branch® format is to improve students' observational skills, which, in turn, they should apply to their writing.

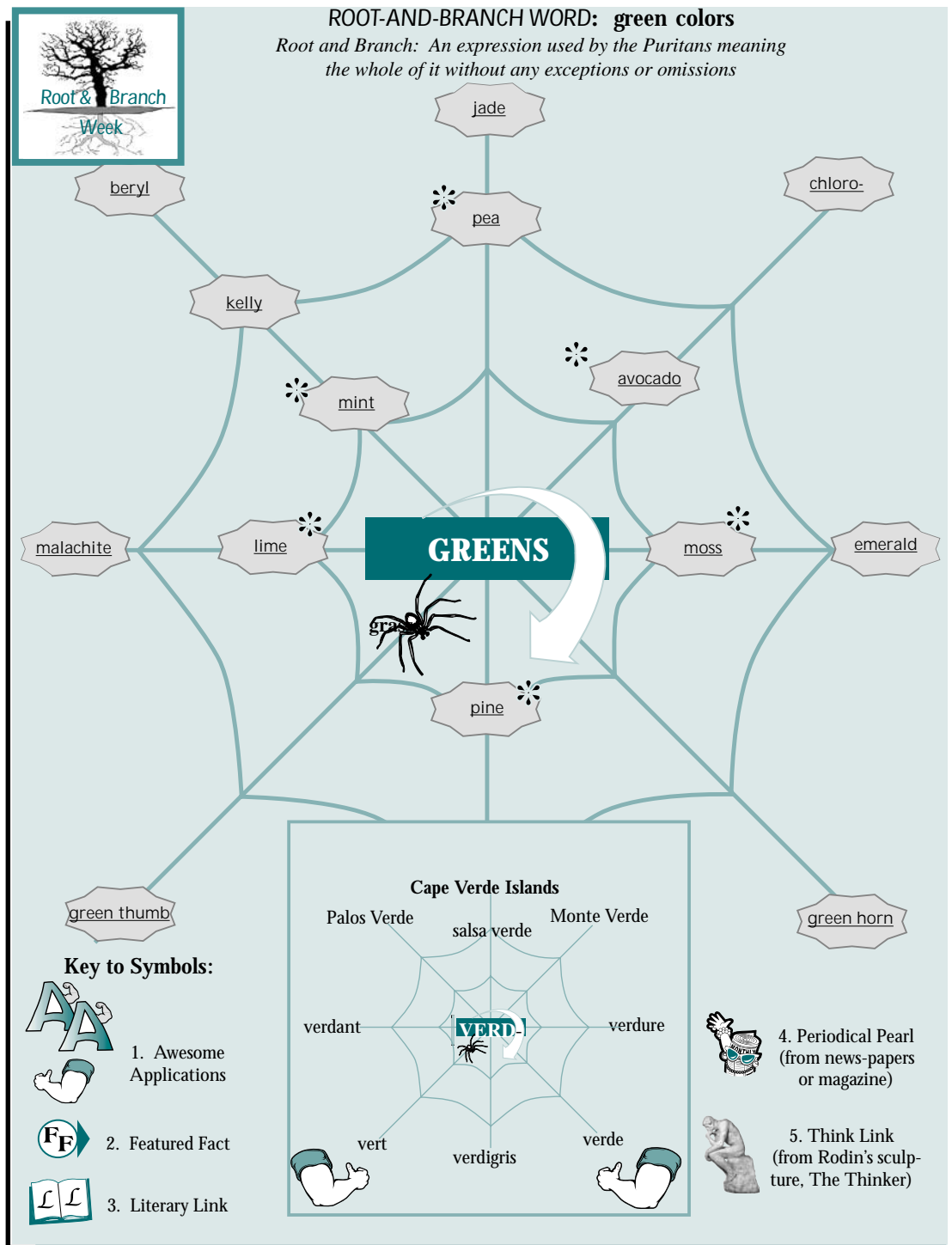
Encourage students to bring in examples of paint color strips obtained wherever paint is sold, crayons, etc., and to share these with the class. Cooperative learning groups can work together to make posters and other displays, such as green colors found in nature. Many examples occur on the cover and color web, but there are many more to be found.

To reinforce the idea of making students' writing more colorful, plan many short writing assignments during the week. Remember, figures of speech (similes, metaphors, personification) fit well with these colors.

For help in finding info on Cape Verde Islands, send students to <http://mbendi.co.za/cycvcy.htm>

Mesa Verde, Colorado, is another place using the Spanish word for green. Verdun, France, also derives its name from the root "verd." **Verdun**, France, also derives its name from the root "verd."

Discuss idioms with your students. Does a yard sale mean the yard is for sale? What is a couch potato? and so on.



“Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.” Will Durant

ANSWERS TO
THINK LINKS

GREEN COLORS

Colors with an asterisk * on the web are not defined

1. Note that the spelling of Clorox leaves out the "h," although it is related to the root "chloro."

2. Colombia and Brazil, S. America; Zambia, Africa

3. Answers will vary.

4-8. They belong to Portugal but are located off the W. Coast of Africa; 9 islands; Praia contains the capital.

9. Green Hills

10. A verdant economy means most people have plenty of money (often referred to a green stuff) to spend.

11. Rises in s.e. Kansas and flows south into Oklahoma and enters Arkansas

12. Vermont (green +mountain); Green Mountain Boys


13. Jealousy


14. One who sells fruits and veggies





15. Answers will vary.

16. Greenware: unfired ceramics; green coffee: not fully processed; green wood: freshly cut, unseasoned; green concrete: not hardened enough; green horse: not fully experienced


beryl: A transparent to translucent glassy mineral, essentially aluminum beryllium silicate. Varieties in white, green, blue, yellow, or pink are valued as gems.


chloro-: Gk. root meaning green, as in chlorine; chlorophonia,  one of several small green birds in South America. chlorophyll: The green coloring matter visible in leaves and present in all growing plants

1  What cleaning product takes its name from this root?

emerald:  A brilliant green transparent variety of beryl, used as a gemstone.  In what countries are emeralds found? Why is  Ireland known as the Emerald Isle?  2



The Wonderful City of Oz


 "Even with eyes protected by the green spectacles, Dorothy and her friends were at first dazzled by the brilliancy of the wonderful city. The streets were lined with beautiful houses all built of green marble and studded everywhere with sparkling emeralds. They walked over a pavement of the same green marble, and where the blocks were joined together were rows of emeralds, set closely, and glittering in the brightness of the sun." Excerpt from *The Wizard of Oz*. Frank Baum.

jade:  Either of two distinct minerals that are generally pale green or white and are used mainly as gemstones or in carving

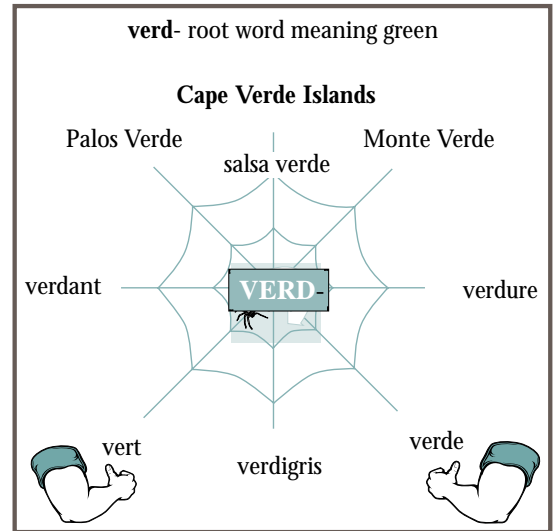
kelly: A very bright green. She wore her kelly green blouse to the dance.

malachite: A light to dark green carbonate mineral, used as a source of copper and for ornamental uses.  This is a Malachite Kingfisher

more common green colors: grass, mint, moss, pea, pine, sea, grasshopper, Nile green.  Write your own definitions for one, two — or more.  4

FF  **Paris / paris green (n):** An insecticide and pigment prepared as a very poisonous bright green powder, in limited use today. However, in the early 1800's a wonderful green pigment called Paris Green was invented.



It was used for all sorts of products, including wallpaper. Unfortunately, Europe has a cool damp climate that is likely to cause molds to grow. Some of these molds reacted with Paris Green to produce a toxic gas. Extended exposure to this gas in a closed room caused illness or death. Many of the people sickened by their exposure to this gas stayed in their bedrooms with the windows shut to recover. Yes, those bedrooms with the green wallpaper, alas. In this case, getting a little bed rest was a very bad idea!! (This information courtesy of Interactive Learning Paradigms Incorporated. <http://www.ilpi.com/index.html>)



Cape Verde Islands:
To what country do these islands in the Atlantic Ocean belong?
Where precisely are they located?
5-8 How many islands are there in the group?
Which one has the capital city?

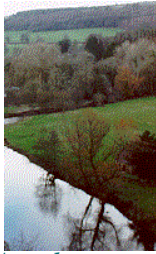
Cape Verdeans are known for their fishing skills.

Monte Verde (mountain + green): There are many Monte Verdes in the world, but the one in Costa Rica is known for its exceptional bird and mammal life.

Palos Verdes is a town in California. *Palos* in Spanish means hills.  Therefore, how do you translate its name?  9

"Language is the dress of thought." Samuel Johnson

verdant (adj) Green. We saw a **chlorophonia** in the verdant river valley. The countryside was verdant.



A verdant scene

Explain the following Periodical Pearl:



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**Increased Spending
And Profits Create
Verdant Economy**



verdure (n): The lush *greenness* and freshness of flourishing vegetation. The verdure of the hillsides during spring and summer always lifts my spirits.

verdigris (Old French: *vert de Grice* or *Grece* = Green of Greece) (n): A *green* or greenish-blue poisonous pigment and drug, obtained by the action of acetic acid on copper; copper acetate; a *green* deposit formed on copper, brass or bronze surfaces. The amount of verdigris on the statue indicates its age. Where is the Verdigris River?



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12 What U.S. state takes its name from the root *verd*? Why? What is a nickname for its men?



vert: French for green
verde: Spanish for green

Idioms

green beret: A member of the U. S. Special Forces, so called from the green beret that is part of his uniform



13 What is a synonym for **green-eyed monster**?

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What is a **green grocer**?



The greenhouse effect: A recent happening whereby the earth's atmosphere traps solar radiation, caused by the presence in the atmosphere of gases such as carbon dioxide, water vapor, and methane that allow incoming sunlight to pass through but absorb heat radiated back from the earth's surface

greenhorn (n): Early American slang for young deer whose new horns are vulnerable to attack by a type of *greenish* fungus as they shed their outer skin; hence, in the 1800's any newcomer to the United States. Today it means an inexperienced or unsophisticated person when joining a business firm or sports team, etc. I am a green horn when it comes to mountain climbing. When have you felt like a green horn?

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green thumb: A person with an unusual ability to grow plants and flowers.



16 Explain at least three other meanings of green, such as greenware, green coffee, green wood, green concrete, green horse.

Now that you have studied a color lesson, add splashes of color to your writing and speaking by using synonyms for green. Add your own rainbow of greens to your vocabulary by going to a paint store and getting some swatch cards. You'll discover **names** like these shown here: Mint lace, mint flip, seahorse, velour and kelp.

Your writing will blaze with colors that paint a picture in your readers' heads. Instead of writing, "The man drove away in a green car," say, "The green horn of a robber escaped in an emerald sedan." When writing descriptive material, look for new words. Instead of saying, "She wore an **emerald** or **sea green** dress," use unusual color words such as those from paint samples, crayons, nail polishes, clothing, flowers, fruits, vegetables and cars. Look through garden catalogs, magazines and new car brochures for ideas. Make up your own!



Answers to Think Links

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