

flame



russet

rhododendron

crimson

maroon



vermillion

fiery



## RED COLORS

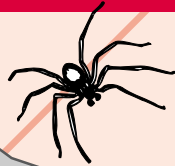
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COOL CONNECTION

rouge rojo

Baton Rouge

beginner

beginner  
intermediate

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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? **2**

**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!


## COOL CONNECTION

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

pyracantha

## COOL CONNECTION

Baton Rouge

City in Louisiana, whose name in French means "red stick." Can you find out why?  **3**

## COOL CONNECTION



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Why might a boy be named Russell?

Russell



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



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What type of potato is a red color?



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



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What color were Darling Clementine's lips?



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



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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

# Teacher's Notes, Student Activities and Answers to Think Links

The main reason for presenting this color lesson 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, nail polish, etc., and to share these with the class. Cooperative learning groups can work together to make displays.

Perhaps one display could be of red colors found in nature. Many examples occur on the color web, but there are many more to be uncovered. Often the colors are indicated in the Latin name as well as the common one.

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



## THINK LINKS ANSWERS

1. University of Alabama. The nickname Crimson Tide was penned by a Birmingham reporter after the 1907 Alabama-Auburn game that was played in a sea of red mud. After Alabama tied the heavily favored Auburn, the team was dubbed Alabama the Crimson Tide.
2. The face of the person who is affected gets a red rash, rather like a bad sunburn.
3. Baton Rouge literally means "redstick," named by French explorer 300 years ago for the "red stick" along a Mississippi River bluff.
4. Because he was born with red hair
5. Because they are red
6. Rouge
7. Ruby ("Ruby lips above the water...")
8. Ruby
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  - a. A bookkeeping term meaning accounts show a loss
  - b. To be angry
  - c. To have a big, happy time
  - d. Showing a lot of red blood vessels, often from being very tired
  - e. Get someone angry, as waving a red flag at a bull fight
  - f. Having a cheerful or optimistic view of things, usually without valid basis. She looked at life through rose-colored glasses even though she had a lot of problems.