

COLOURS

What is colour?

This is a pigment applied to a design which appears in different types. Colour makes a design appear bright, attractive, dull, dark, shiny, etc.

Classification of colours

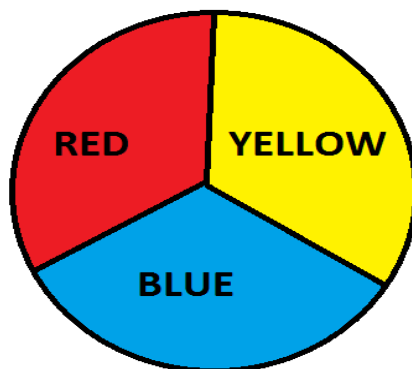
Colours can be classified into the following:

1. Primary colours
2. Secondary colours
3. Neutral colours
4. Tertiary colours
5. Intermediate colours
6. Analogous colours
7. Harmonious colours
8. Complimentary colours

Primary colours

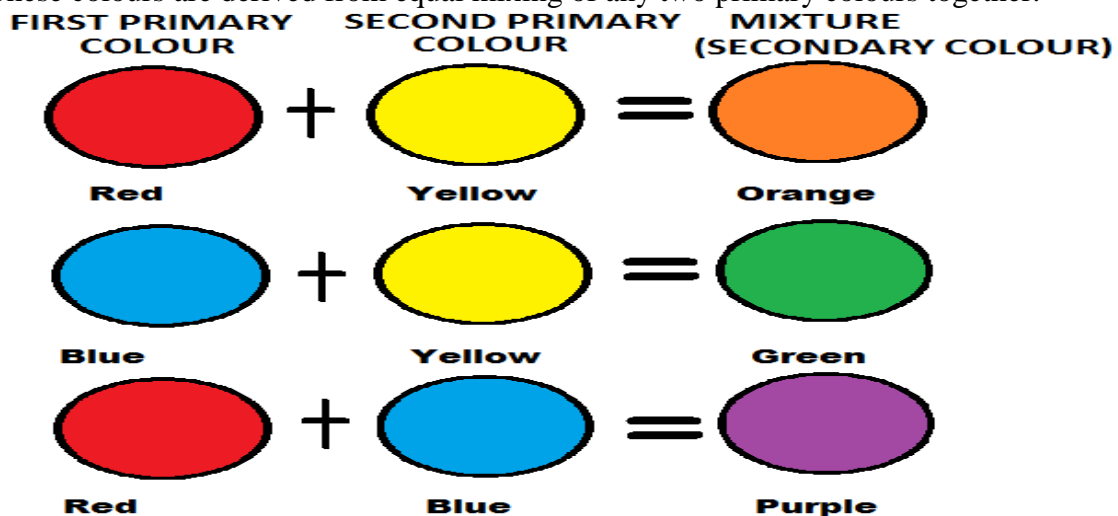
These are colours that are not derived from mixing colours together. They are basic colours. Primary colours are three in number namely: Red, yellow and blue.

PRIMARY COLOURS



Secondary colours

These colours are derived from equal mixing of any two primary colours together.



Sources of Colour

Colour is gotten from various sources such as

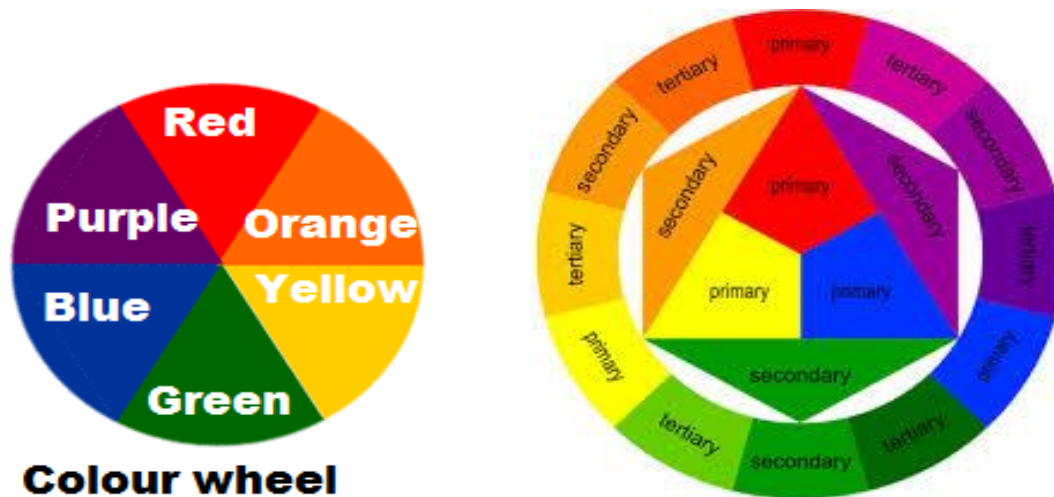
1. Leaves
2. Seeds of plants
3. Stem of plants
4. Root of plants
5. Earth
6. Bark of trees.

Uses of colour

1. Colour can be used to inform or communicate an idea. Red for instance is used to show danger.
2. Colours in a traffic light are used to give traffic direction.
3. Colours are used to identify an object. An object that has a blue colour will always be identified by that colour.
4. Colours are used in national flags to identify countries.
5. Colours are used to add beauty and design to a work of art or material.
6. Colours are used for healing.
7. Colours can be used to represent or depict love, hatred, peace, purity, happiness, the devil, etc.

Colour wheel

This is the circular arrangement of colours in a wheel according to the relationship between them.



Summary

Colour is a pigment applied to a design which appears in different types. There are various classifications of colour such as primary, secondary, neutral, complimentary, analogous, intermediate colours etc. Sources of colour include leaves, bark, stem, root and seed of plants. Colours can be used for healing, beautification, identification, communication etc. A colour

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Review Questions

1. Define colour
2. Name and explain the classifications of colour
3. Mixture of blue and yellow gives _____
4. State three sources of colour
5. State three uses of colour
6. Produce a colour wheel