

Talking about Colours

Class Objective:

I will be able to talk about colours.

Concept A: Basic Chinese Colours Vocabulary

Chinese	Pinyin	English
颜色	yánsè	color
红	hóng	red
橙	chéng.	orange
黄	huáng.	yellow
绿	lǜ	green
蓝	lán.	blue
紫	zǐ	purple
粉红	fěnhóng	pink
棕	zōng	brown
黑	hēi	black
白	bái	white
灰	huī	grey

Concept B: Basic Sentences

1. 你最喜欢什么颜色？
Nǐ zuì xǐhuan shénme yánsè? What's your favorite color?
2. 我最喜欢黄色。
Wǒ zuì xǐhuan huángsè.
I like yellow the most.
3. 这个包包有三种颜色。 Zhège bāo bāo yǒu sān zhǒng yánsè.
This bag comes in three colors.

Concept C: Colour name + N.

- 蓝眼睛 - lán yǎnjing (blue eyes).
- 黄衣服 - huáng yīfu (yellow clothes).

2- Color name + 色 + 的 + N.

- 蓝色的眼睛 - lán sè de yǎnjing (blue eyes)
- 黄色的衣服 - huáng sè de yīfu (yellow clothes).
- 白色的猫头鹰 - bái sè de māo tóu yīng (white owl).

Concept D: Light vs Dark

The easiest way to describe any color is to differentiate whether it is light or dark.

Chinese	Pinyin	English
浅	qiǎn	light
深	shēn.	dark
浅绿色	qiǎn lǜsè	light green
深绿色	shēn lǜsè	dark green

Concept E: Combining Colors

Just like in English, it's possible to describe a color as being a mix of two colors in Chinese.

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