

■ Now you have read these idioms, do the following exercise. Some of the idioms may be new —try to guess what colour suits the idiom or expression best. Remember to visualise idioms, as it will really help you to guess the meaning. In the answers, the meaning of the idioms will also be given.

**Q1.** You should take the internship —it'd be a ..... opportunity for you.

- a) silver
- b) golden
- c) black

**Q2.** I think your idea is expensive but I'm going to give it the ..... light. I think it'll prove successful.

- a) green
- b) red
- c) orange

**Q3.** I always look through contracts as they aren't often so black and ..... You often can't tell if there is some trick contained in there.

- a) blue
- b) yellow
- c) white

**Q4.** Joan is feeling very ..... at the moment. Her dog has just died and she feels like she's lost her best friend.

- a) blue
- b) green
- c) red

**Q5.** I was absolutely ..... with envy when I saw Sonia had bought that new bag I'd been wanting for weeks. If only I had the money to buy it!

- a) purple
- b) red
- c) green

## ANSWERS

**A1. a) golden**

A golden opportunity is an opportunity you can't refuse, and shouldn't turn down —a very very good opportunity.

**A2. a) green**

To give something the green light means to approve an idea, or plan, so it is then put into practice.

**A3. c) white**

Something which is 'black and white' is something very obvious to see.

**A4. a) blue**

To feel blue means to feel upset, or down.

**A5. c) green**

To be green with envy simply means to be very envious indeed.