**Cross Word puzzle**

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**Idioms with colours**

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The clues:

1. If you are unhappy because someone else has something you want, you say ‘I’m green with ……
2. If there is a situation which seems bad in fact some advantage to it, you say ‘every cloud has silver ……
3. If you think that other people are always in better situation than you, even when they are not, we say ‘ the grass is always…… on the other side
4. If someone is very kind and helpful, we say they’ve got a …..of gold
5. Silver…… someone speaks in such a pleasant way they can make other people do things for them
6. When things happen extremely rarely, you can say they happen “once in a blue……
7. If someone ,usually a child, is vey well-behaved, we say “they’re as ……as gold
8. If you say something ‘until you are blue in the …..” you waste time and effort because you won’t get any results
9. Someone is a good gardener and can make plants grow very easily has a green……..
10. As ………as a sheet”: if someone is very pale because they are ill or shocked or scared

**Colour Idioms**

*It came out of the blue.*

Here are some common idioms based on colours. Each entry includes the meaning of the idiom and shows the idiom in context in an example sentence.

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| **idiom** | **meaning** | **example sentence** |
| **beet red** | dark red (usually to describe face) | My sister's face turned **beet red** when I caught her singing in front of a mirror. |
| **black and blue** | bruised and beaten | We found the poor guy **black and blue** near the train tracks. |
| **black and white** | straight forward, very clear | The rules we gave the kids were **black and white**. No answering the phone or the door. |
| **black out** | faint | I always **black out** at the sight of blood. |
| **black sheep** | the odd or bad member of the group | My oldest brother was the **black sheep** in our family. He dropped out of school at fifteen. |
| **born with a silver spoon in one's mouth** | born into a rich family | Keiko hasn't worked a day in her life. She was **born with a silver spoon in her mouth**. |
| **catch red handed** | catch someone in the act of doing something wrong or illegal | The kids were **caught red handed** stealing chocolate bars. |
| **golden opportunity** | the perfect chance | The models' conference was a **golden opportunity**for me to sell my beauty products. |
| **grey area, gray area** | something without a clear rule or answer | Writing personal email in the office is a **grey area**that needs to be discussed at the next meeting. |
| **the green light** | permission | The builders were given the **green light** to begin the tower. |
| **green with envy** | very jealous | I am **green with envy** over Julio's new wardrobe. |
| **(have a) green thumb** | be skillful in the garden | You can tell by her flower garden that Sheila has a **green thumb**. |
| **have the blues** | be sad or depressed | I always **have the the blues** during the winter time. |
| **in the dark** | unaware | Antoine left his wife **in the dark** about their honeymoon destination until they got to the airport. |
| **in the red** | in debt | When we were **in the red** we almost had to sell the house. |