

Colours and conditionals guessing game

Objective IELTS Intermediate Unit 14

Choose one of the phrases below and say just the part that you would add to it (not the part that is written there). If there is a choice, just choose one thing to speak about. Can your partner guess which sentence you were completing (from the meaning and grammar)?

- If a (male) football team changed to a pink kit,...
- If a woman wears a red dress,...
- If brown wallpaper was half the price of all the other colours of wallpaper,...
- If I buy a black car with dark windows,...
- If I couldn't buy a white or silver car,...
- If I couldn't wear a white wedding dress or black suit when I got married,...
- If I didn't dye my hair,...
- If I dye my hair (a different colour/ green),...
- If I had been able to choose any colour at all for my bedroom when I was a child/
- If I had been able to choose any colour for my bedroom when I was a teenager,...
- If I had been able to choose my hair colour when I was a teenager,...
- If I had been born colour blind,...
- If I had been born with blond hair,...
- If I had been born with blue eyes,...
- If I had to paint my front door,...
- If I had wanted to wear a wig for a party last Halloween,...
- If I painted my whole house bright red,...
- If I want to cheer myself up with what I wear,...
- If I wanted to make a food that I was selling stand out by making it a different colour,...
- If I wanted to shock my parents by dyeing my hair,...
- If I was able to change the colour of anything in the world,...
- If I was able to change the colour of my eyes,...
- If I was able to choose another colour for the sky,...
- If I was able to choose any colour of dog/ horse,...
- If I was able to choose any colours at all for my country's national flag,...
- If I was able to choose any colours of iPod,...
- If I was able to choose my children's eye colour,...
- If I was able to choose the colour of my favourite team's sports kit,...
- If I was able to choose what colour my boy/girlfriend/ husband/ wife/ partner wore,...
- If I wear a brightly coloured shirt to work,...
- If I wear coloured contact lenses tomorrow,...
- If I wore brighter coloured clothes,...
- If men wear grey suits,...
- If men wear pink shirts/ ties,...
- If more people knew that yellow cars are the safest,...
- If my school had been painted in bright colours,...
- If offices were brighter colours,...
- If someone bought me a coat in a colour that I hated,...
- If someone had a gold iPod,...
- If someone painted this classroom black/ in bright colours,...
- If someone writes their name with red ink,...
- If they started selling newspapers on different coloured paper,...

What four grammatical forms could you use to complete the sentences above? Find one example of all phrases above which go with each of those three forms.

Brainstorm colour words such as things you could have said in the task above.

What does often wearing each colour mean about someone's personality, do you think?

How popular are those colours for particular things? Is that changing?