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It's a Great Big COLORFUL WORLD

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One morning
Otto woke up...



“Why is everything
so gray today?”

GRAY

is a color too

"The sky is always blue above the clouds!"

"I only see gray."

When it's cloudy, everything looks gloomy and gray.

Every cloud has a SILVER lining

Lots of pretty things are gray!

The biggest land mammal in the world is gray!

COLORS ARE GREAT, LET'S CELEBRATE!

Is there a sea more beautiful than the gray North Sea?

On our WAY with GRAY!

Gray is black mixed with white.

Rain cloud

Dark clouds are heavy with white snow!

smoke signals

White smoke means yes.

These white goats live in a cozy, gray house.

Black smoke means wait.

"Respect my gray hair!"

This goat is counting sheep.

20 Birch Lane

Who can count to 7?

"I'm in a gray zone."

"Are we there yet?"

Fog is gray.

GRAY

ZONE

Baby elephants aren't pink.

The sidewalk is gray.

"Our car is gray!"

There are many shades of gray...

50

SHADES OF GRAY

Shadows are gray.

The street is gray.

gray = great

flower

white paw

BAU HAUS

GRAU HAUS

the Gray Cats

"The truth is never black or white."

With time comes wisdom.

silver birch

Newsprint is gray.

TOAST

metallic gray

gray stone

We are mostly gray.

gray matter

gray palette

Grandpa is gray.

Granny is gray.

Silver wedding

GRAY = BLACK + WHITE

black exhaust smoke

Mole has his head in the clouds.

soot black

white clouds of steam

POCO

LOCO motive

Watch your step!

Ten commands

Religions tend to see the world in black and white.

"The truth in black and white!"

"With gray comes wisdom."

"Who wants to play with me?"

Bed-of-nails-minton :-)

We mustn't see things too black and white.

An orca is black and white.

KETTLE BLACK

A sperm whale can't call a kettle black.

RAM AM

"Sweet little lamb!"

"Watch out for a wolf in sheep's clothing!"

warm sheep

The black sheep is the scapegoat and a white lamb is innocent.

BLACK

No black without white.

Yin & Jannneke

Black cows give white milk ...

... but definitely not bulls!

raven black hair

White ravens are rare.

On this side of the world, black is the color of mourning.

"I take my coffee black."

"I'd like a dash of cream in mine."

creamy white

HOLY COW

This cow unites the best of both worlds!

"Watch the birdie!"

Great grandfather's TV.

A black cat doesn't bring luck, just a gray mouse.

Everything used to be more black and white.

FLASH

Great-great-grandfather's camera

"Which birdie?"

"Where's the nearest cat café?"

white swans

BLACK

Magpies, orcas, zebras, giant pandas, pianos, penguins, and dalmatians are all black and white.

"Back then you had to sit still and wait for a long time."

Ebony Ivory

"Ebony and Ivory live together in harmony."

CHECK MATE

chessboard pattern

black bear

white horse

polar bear

black horse

Black and white play well together!

"Better look on the bright side."

INK

black ink

Black ants like white sugar.

Or is this salt?

It's hard for a black widow to find a new partner ...

white pearl

white sausage

... with those hairy legs.

No white without black.

WHITE

Pure white is rare in nature.

"White white white ..."

Black = Beautiful

Milk white

"... what does a cow drink?"

Peace!

white flag

White rage writes a black page.

white dove

milk teeth

DENTI FRESH

If you want pearly whites you'll need to brush well!

Orbillard

In other places, white is the color of mourning.

A black panther is almost invisible at night.

black panther

& WHITE

Scottish terriers

"Who wants to sail to England?"

black swans

Black and white are complementary colors.

WEST

The White House

They say a white mouse lives in this white house.

White is the color of the moon.

Black is the color of the night.

EAST

The Taj Mahal

What an amazing gift for a prince's wife!

"Hopefully we won't get any black snow this year."

WINTER WONDERLAND

What is nicer than watching white snow fall outside your window?

snow white

I saw 2 bears, polar bears ...

Snowy owl

Are zebras white with black stripes?

Or black with white stripes?

"Birches are the zebras of trees!"

BAR Code 2417

A white rabbit!

Albino animals lack color pigmentation.

And they have red eyes.

Zebra crossings and traffic lights have black-and-white stripes.

1

101 Dalmatians add up to more than 1001 spots.

2

3

4

Looks like a fairy tale from 1001 Nights.

"Animals always look at the whites of the eyes."

OPPOSITES ATTRACT

opposites attract each other

great white shark

A white shark is usually not invited.

black pearl

This black bird came from a white egg!

black sausage

RIP SPIDER-MAN

Everything is pitch black underground.

white belt

You start with a white belt in judo.

KARATE KITTEN

As long as it's not under the belt!

black belt!

And end with a black one.

Hi!

"Which of you is the real Snow White?"

Snow White

bridegroom

bride

The bride wears white and the bridegroom black.

Fairy tales won't last forever but true love does.

There's more yellow to be found on the other side of the ocean.

BANANA REPUBLIC

Let's Go

Bananas are still green when they start their journey.

BANANA REPUBLIC

BANANAS

BANANA BOAT

"SPF!"

"UV!"

Many people fly to sunnier places each year.

camel yellow

HOTEL straw yellow

Nino

As yellow as sand.

Copa América

EU ♥ RIO

SAMBA FUTEBOL

A SELEÇÃO / OS CANARINHOS (BRAZIL)

The Brazilian national team plays in yellow.

"No, Junior!"

KAKA

The ref sometimes wears a yellow jersey too.

TLECHA AMARILLA

Soy Loco por ti AMERIKA

Corn comes from America.

Homesickness might turn them yellow.

"Don't forget sunscreen."

COSTA del SOL!

"No sun, no tan!"

Surfin Rasta Jam

"Do you like to tan too?"

"No, I'm not crazy about it."

Copa Calana

"Watch out for a yellow card!"

DON'T YOU EAT THAT YELLOW SNOW

Let's skip the poop and pee jokes!

"There's sand on the other side of the beach too!"

Vamos a la playa

These ants worked hard all year and are ready for a vacation!

Watch out for tourists!

Rhyme on Mr Simon Kodachrome 73 35mm

This looks like a limousine!

These American school buses are setting off on a school trip together.

Looks like Huey, Dewey, and Louie!

TAXI papa

School pencils are often yellow.

Yellow Stone

SALE

Jamaican Limonada Nicky Lada

"As long as we arrive in time!"

"Our youngest doesn't like to be in front!"

COOL

yellow balloon

BUS

TOO MANY EMOJIS

STOP

New York has big yellow taxis.

This monkey does not work for peanuts.

35 MILES

XING

BIG APPLE

BIG YELLOW apple

BANANA SPLIT!

SLIPPERY WHEN WET!

Look out: banana peel!

TICKET to ride

TICKET

Mother Hen already misses her chicks.

CALL ME MELLOW YELLOW

electrical

WHO LET THE DUCKS OUT!?

"Better duck!"

BANANA

Judo comes from Japan.

yellow belt

JU-DO-CAT

China's Yellow River gets its name from the yellow clay it carries.

Watch out for kangaroos in Australia!

Anyone nostalgic for old yellow things?

SUNNY ROLLINS

YELLOW SUBMARINE the BEATLES

tapes

Goldilocks

CALL ME BLONDIE!

Red packaging fades to yellow if you leave it in the sun.

Cold Play

DOWN UNDER

BIG YELLOW TAXI

HITS

the Singles Recollection

KISSES

Joni

MITCHELL

That is a very big taxi!

Watch out for bananas!

Road markings are yellow too.

If you want to color in blond hair, use soft yellow.

YELLOW SIGNS

ORANGUTAN

"Halloween!"

"Watch out or you'll end up in my soup."

SMASHING Pumpkin

jack-o'-lantern

BAT COMPANY

It's getting batty!

Plant a tree!

Rosehip has an orange tint.

HEY HIPPIE!

red + yellow

= organge

Fireland

Fired-up football fans!

HOLY GANS!

PARTY

Orange is also the color of FIRE

Fanta

Claus

SANTA CRUISE

These orange Santas are running late ...

FLAMMABLE!

TABASCO

poison

fire water

"Don't eat too much, Otto!"

BLACK BOX Revelation

easy bed

An airplane's black box is orange!

and in the tail

spaghetti mountain

Carrot Top!

What's prettier than red hair?

copper top

DO NOT OPEN

This isn't a shoe box!

carrot top

"I can see ..."

FOREST FIRES!

ORANGE COUNTY

CALL THE FIRE

DEPARTMENT

Orange Pekoe is black tea.

DON'T light the fuse!

How is this, MOWGLI!?

HIMALAYA!

ROAAAR

"Tiger tiger burning bright!"

TIGER... ŁODZ

TIGER... WOOPS

How many tigers can you still find in the wild?

Bengali tigers come from India.

The stripes make it hard to see tigers in the wild.

ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL

Orange blossoms are actually white.

This Smurf is a bit of a hothead.

long toes

Indian flag

Indian elephant

Indian Summer

L'été Indien

lalala

HOLY COW

Holy cow!

FIRE DANGER

dry grass + matches

It's a wildfire before you know it.

In London you'll find lots of red things like guardhouses, phone booths, mailboxes, and buses.

City Trip

RED

Red comes after orange!

in the name of LOVE!

STOP

Everyone has to stop at red!

The taxis are black.

My other car is a Ferrari

red light

Red often means "no".

one-way traffic

Around Christmas London turns extra red!

"Infrared?"

Hot dog?

This is one sporty dog.

"Cake!"

scarlet fever!

This is the speed limit.

"Km or miles?"

Watch out for ice!

The Red Cross

Only emergency vehicles can drive through red.

No loitering!

Is this a parking spot?

No parking!

No entry!

"Do you still wear bearskin hats?"

Will this tree salesman come to the rescue?

"Fire!"

RED ALERT

"Fire!"

Watch out for the red cat!

Missed by a whisker!

This is London

"You're going the wrong way!"

"Everyone's driving on the wrong side of the road!"

Everything goes the wrong way here.

GROWL

Brits love traditions.

"And there is no water ..."

THE STAKES ARE HIGH

FIGHTING FIRE

with water

FIRE BRIGADE!

Luckily there's more than one fire engine!

FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE

WHERE is Red ADAIR?

RED ALERT

LONDON

Circus Dragone

R&D

FIRE BRIGADE!

Sometimes people fight fire with fire.

Fox tail

FOX HUNTER

NO THX

"And horses."

"And dogs!"

SHOP UNTIL YOU DROP

"No water ..."

"Why do we look surprised?"

Cold

Play

Roll out the red carpet.

Something wrong with the

EXHAUST

UNDERGROUND

High Tea

HIT

With milk, please!

PHONE BOOTH

The phone booth is the smartphone's grandfather.

A phone booth isn't a guardhouse.

A guardhouse isn't a phone booth.

"Are you a Beefeater?"

"Pardon?"

Fox tale

the lady in RED

Victorian Secrets

Ferrari 250 from 1952!

Paul Smith scarf

SORRY

"Rabbit with prunes?"

"I went too fast again."

BOYS will be BOYS

Sportsmen like to drive sportscars.

Sportscars are often bright red.

wet PAINT

Red and green are complementary.

LONDON DADDY COOL

mont Rouge

Red is the color of love.

+ rouge, t'es moche :-)

LIPSTICK & NAIL POLISH

♪ The moment I wake up ♫ before I put on my make up ...

SHOPPING

HOP ON ↔ HOP OFF

Ho Ho Ho

After Eight

CHANGING of the GUARDS

Foggy again!

WAKE UP MAKE UP

16 years

Ho Ho Ho

BUS STOP

A Christmas tail.

No time like the present!

What's redder than a red double decker filled with Santas?

TIME FOR PRESENTS!

GIRLS will be GIRLS

3 English roses

a rose = a rose = a rose

Roses are red but also have thorns.

Santa's BIG BAG

What's inside these presents?

"Boots again!"

"More gloves!"

Everyone wants a Swiss army knife.

red + white = PINK

Pink used to be a boy's color. Now it fits any gender.

Japanese cherry trees blossom in the spring.

"A fresh spring breeze is blowing."

Gray wolves sometimes eat pink piggies.

These 3 piggies are going to invest in brick, straw, wood!

Straw!

Wood!

Bricks!

pink paper

WALL STREET

$HUFFLE

the WOLF of WALL street!

PRETTY in PINK

Pink Cadillac

"Anyone seen mom"

Sometimes the picture is too rosy.

A pink carpet is just a bit more festive than red.

Cherry Blossom Girls

"Where's my driver?"

PRETTY IN PINK

Ring Around the Rosie

Party time

SUPER PINK GLASSES

"What's pinker than a pink pig in a pink tutu?"

This big poodle sees the world through rose-colored glasses.

"Anyone seen my puppy?"

"Wow!"

"Ow!"

Many roses are pink!

But they also have thorns.

Who picked all the flowers?

a rose = a rose = a rose

3 ballerinas!

Swan Lake

1+1=2 but what is 2+2?

Count along!

And 4+4?

"Can you walk on water in heels?"

WARM WATER

Shrimp turn pink when you boil them.

2+2=4

Mind your step!

"I'd rather stay gray then!"

pink grapefruit juice

Love goes round & round

The sakura symbolises the land of the rising sun.

for BOYS & GIRLS

SAKURA

Baby elephants are rarely pink.

Can you see pink elephants?

These bunnies are newlyweds.

Just Married

Here's the nicest gift!

They're off to paint the town pink.

baby pink

BABY

Mmm ... bacon

Van or pig?

piggy bank

Lots of pink for foodies!

ham

pink cake

onion

radish

white + red = pink!

ice cream cake

candy cake

lollipop

popsicles

More pink candy!

toffee

"I got a popsicle."

"That's cool!"

This snow monkey is a cover model!

Everyone loves mountains of ice cream!

These three ladies make delicious ice cream!

You can't win a cycling race on a pink Vespa!

Cornetto

Italian ice!

GIRO

"High on the hog"

pink cloud

North POLE

South POLE

Sorbet is made with water.

Ice cream with cream or milk.

Yogurt is healthier than ice cream.

But it's hard to store so much ice cream.

Get up for sports!

Flowers!

Tiptoe through the tulips ...

A healthy glow!

Kiss from Miss

"This is steep!"

Band-Aids for everyone!

"These 2 are in love."

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dark pink panther

light pink panther

The leader of the Tour of Italy wears a pink jersey.

There are several jerseys.

And a place at the head of the race!

GIRO d'Italia

READY TO WEAR

the Panini Team

this little piggy...

But now we've got lots more colors.

This pencil used to be called "skin-color."

On Mother's Day, some teams wear pink jerseys.