Colours

We all know that there are lots of different colours around us, but can you describe them clearly? Using words accurately gives your audience a better idea of what you are talking about.

**Getting Started**

**Rules**
- You will need a dice, counters, and an Oxford dictionary to play this game for two to six players.
- Look up the colours below in the dictionary. Fold over the bottom of the page so they are hidden.
- Take turns and throw the dice and move your counter on the grid. Try to answer the question you land on.
- If you are right, have another go. If you are wrong, move back one square and wait for your next turn.
- The winner is the first player to land on square 24 and get the question correct.

1. What ‘c’ is a deep red from an Arabic word for a type of insect?
2. What ‘i’ is a deep blue colour and a colour of the rainbow?
3. What ‘v’ is a purple colour and also the name of a small plant?
4. What ‘t’ is a reddish orange colour and the name of a fruit?
5. What ‘a’ is a sky blue, originally from Persian?
6. What ‘r’ is a deep red colour and a precious stone?
7. What ‘e’ is a bright green colour and a precious stone?
8. What ‘o’ is a brownish yellow colour or a mineral used as a pigment?
9. What ‘m’ is a dark red or can mean to isolate someone in a deserted place?
10. What ‘a’ is a purple precious stone?
11. What ‘s’ is a deep purple?
12. What ‘m’ is a pale purple?
13. What ‘p’ is a dark red or brownish purple colour?
14. What ‘l’ is bluish-grey in colour, like a bruise?
15. What ‘s’ is skin that is slightly yellow?
16. What ‘a’ is a bluish-green precious stone?
17. What ‘l’ is a pale purple and a bush with fragrant flowers?
18. What ‘s’ is a reddish brown, like the colour of early photographs?
19. What ‘c’ is a hard silvery white metal?
20. What ‘b’ is a dull yellow colour?
21. What ‘v’ is from French and is a green rust on copper or brass?
22. What ‘u’ is a deep bright blue?
23. What ‘o’ is a shade of green like an unripe version of this fruit?
24. What ‘f’ is a light brown colour and is also a young deer?

violet  lilac  maroon  crimson  sepia  buff  fawn  olive
aquamarine  puce  verdigris  emerald  sallow  ultramarine  cobalt  mauve
indigo  azure  amethyst  sable  ochre  livid  ruby  tangerine

You can use your Oxford English Dictionary for Schools and your Oxford Student’s Dictionary for these activities.