Colours

KS2 French · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

How do you say 'a red ball' in French (le ballon rouge)?

Step 1 · In French, colours usually come AFTER the noun

'le ballon' (the ball) + 'rouge' (red)

Answer: le ballon rouge

Check: This is different from English, where 'red' comes before 'ball'.

2. Now try one with the steps

Why does French put colour words after the noun, unlike English?

Step 1 · Think about how word order can differ between languages

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. What is 'bleu' in English?

2. How do you say 'green' in French?

3. What is 'noir' in English?

4. How do you say 'yellow' in French?

5. Does the French colour word usually go before or after the noun it describes?

6. Write 'the blue car' in French (la voiture bleue).

4. Before you hand it in

Putting French colour words before the noun, copying English word order.
Remember: in French, colour usually comes AFTER the thing it describes.

Mixing up similar-sounding colours like 'bleu' (blue) and 'blanc' (white).
Practise saying each colour word out loud alongside its actual colour.