

Mixing it Up The Color Wheel

Reading and Discussion

Today we're going to talk about colors. Look around you and see how many colors you can see. Let's write them all down. We have red and blue, green and yellow, orange and purple. Some of these colors are called **primary** colors and some are called **secondary** colors.

Primary means first or most important. The primary colors are the most important colors. You can't make them by mixing other colors, but you can make all the other colors by mixing primary colors together.

The **primary** colors are:

- **red**
- **blue**
- **yellow**

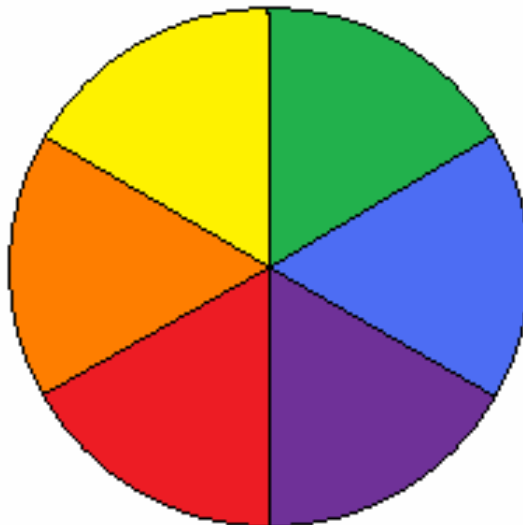
The **secondary** colors are:

- **orange**
- **green**
- **purple**

I'm not going to tell which primary colors to mix to make these secondary colors. You can try that out yourself. But the color wheel will give you some clues.

The color wheel shows us how different colors are related to each other. Here is a basic color wheel. Can you point out the primary colors on the wheel? The secondary colors are made by mixing the primary colors on either side of them.

What about **black**, **white** and **brown**? Black and white are not true colors but they can be added to other colors to make them lighter or darker. See how many colors you need to mix to make brown.



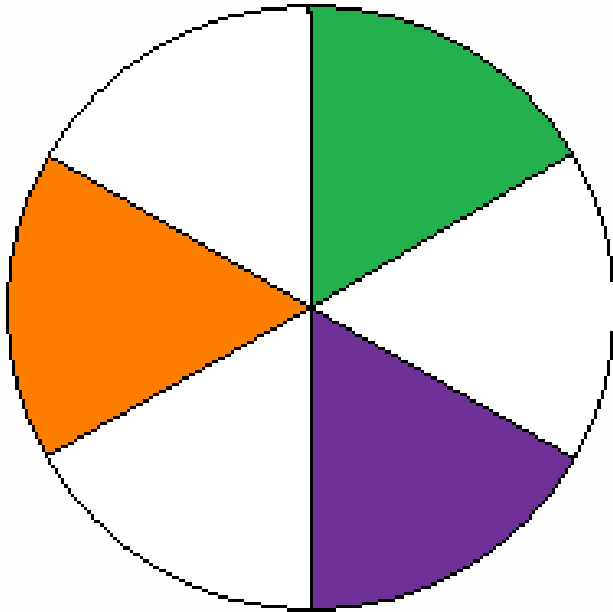
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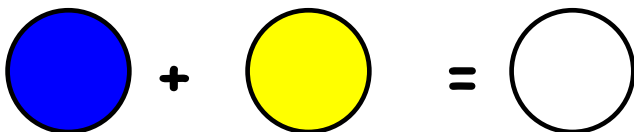
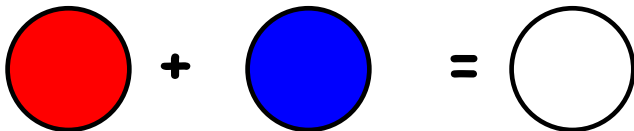
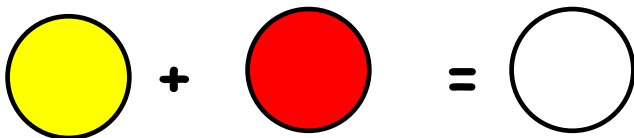
A: Can you complete the color wheel?

Here is the color wheel again, but we've left out the primary colors. Can you color them in their correct places?



B: Let's mix some colors.

Try mixing the colors first with paint, then fill in the correct color in the last circle of each row.

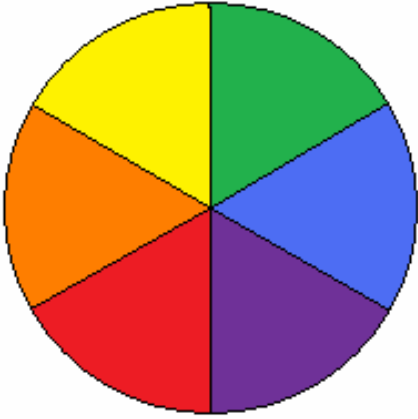


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Answer Sheet:

Activity A



Activity B

