**Colour idioms**

**Part 1**
The pictures below illustrate colour idioms. Can you guess them?

- **white lie**

- **black sheep**

- **green grass / greener grass**

- **Blue moon**

- **red hand / red-handed**

- **red tape**

- **paint something red**
Part 2

Fill in the gaps with words from part 1 to make colour idioms. Do you know their meaning?

1. He realized that the GRASS is always greener on the other side when he saw that his new job wasn’t perfect and had its own problems too. (others always seem to be in a better situation than you, although it might not be true)

2. My brother only rings home once in a blue MOON I wish he would ring our parents more often. (very rarely)

3. The man is the BLACK sheep in his family and is the only member who has not had a successful career and life. (a person who brings shame to their family)

4. The manager caught the new employee RED-handed taking money out of the box. (catch somebody in the act of doing something bad)

5. I want to start a new business but the red TAPE involved is very frustrating. (bureaucracy)

6. When my cousin came to visit us we decided to go out and paint the town RED. (to go out and celebrate)

7. I told my boss a white LIE when he asked me whether his presentation had gone well. (untruth told to spare feelings or out of politeness)
Part 3

QUESTIONS:

1. Do you think it’s true that the grass is always greener on the other side?
2. Why do people become black sheep in their families?
3. Do you think white lies are harmless?
4. When was the last time you painted the town red?
5. What would you do if you caught somebody stealing from you red-handed?
6. Is the red tape in your country difficult to live with?