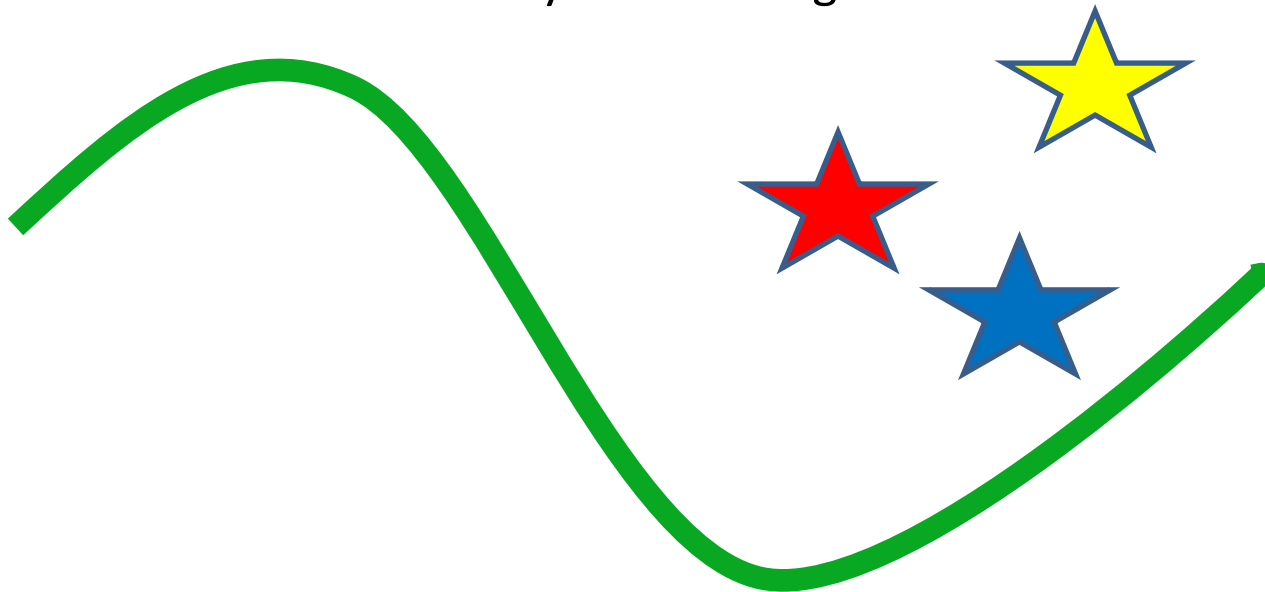


# Teacher Resource for Teaching Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Colours to Students.

A quick and easy reference guide for parents and teachers

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# Colour wheel



What is the  
definition of a  
primary colour?

# What is the definition of a primary colour?

A Primary colour is a colour that cannot be achieved from combining other colours together. Primary colours are the basis from which other colours are made.

There are 3 primary colours



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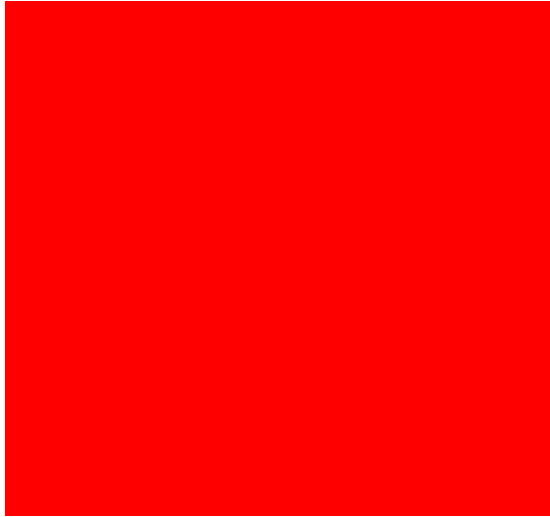
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Can you guess what  
they might be?

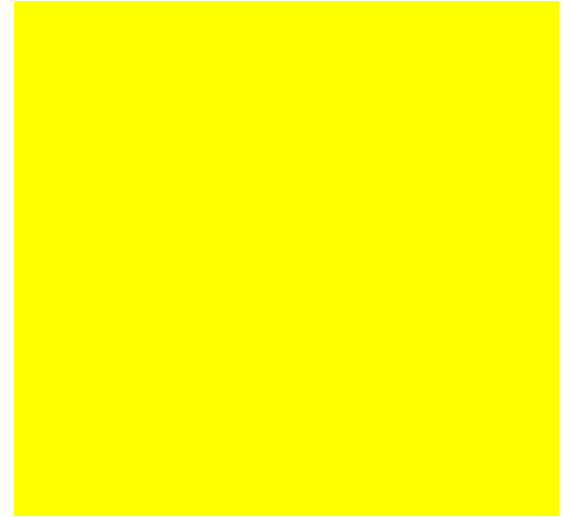
The 3 primary colours are:



Red



Blue



Yellow

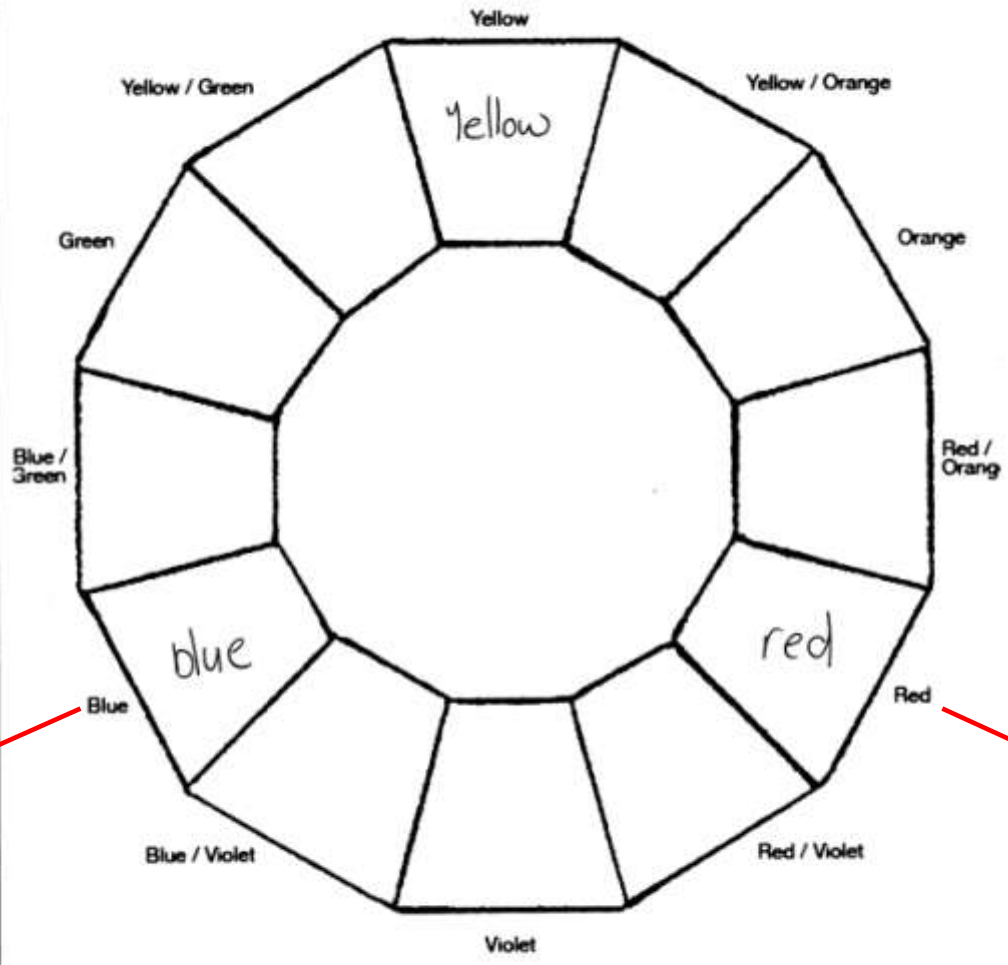
Give two colour wheel sheets to  
students

One is to write on and the other is  
to paint on.

Add both to their visual diaries for  
future reference when completed.

Fill in Primary colours to your colour wheel

Primary  
Blank Color Wheel



Primary

Primary

Use this Blank Color Wheel to experiment with Color Schemes and Paint Mixtures



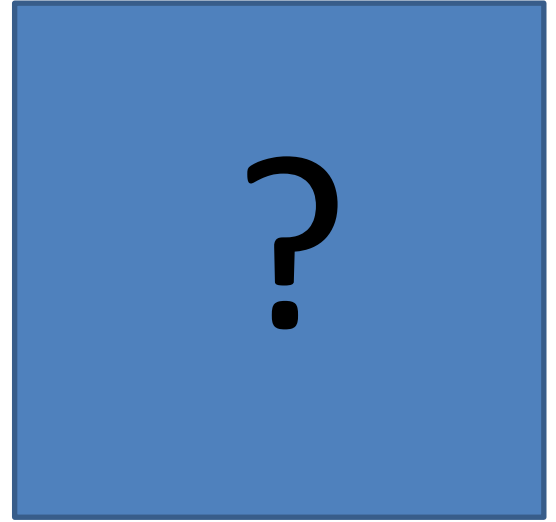
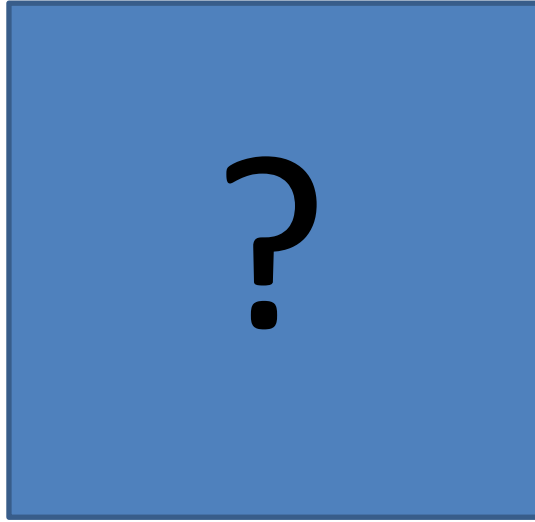
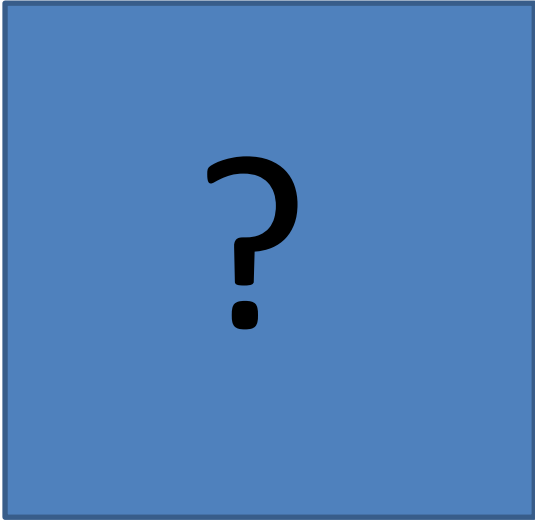
Paint your primary  
colours onto your colour  
onto a second wheel

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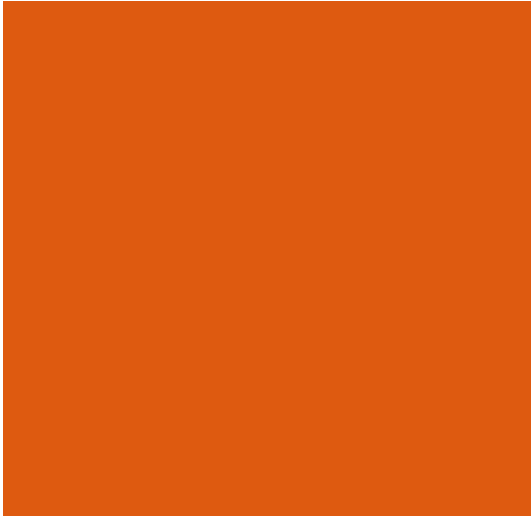
A Secondary colour is a colour that  
can be achieved by mixing together  
two primary colours.

What colours are **Secondary** colours?



Primary colours

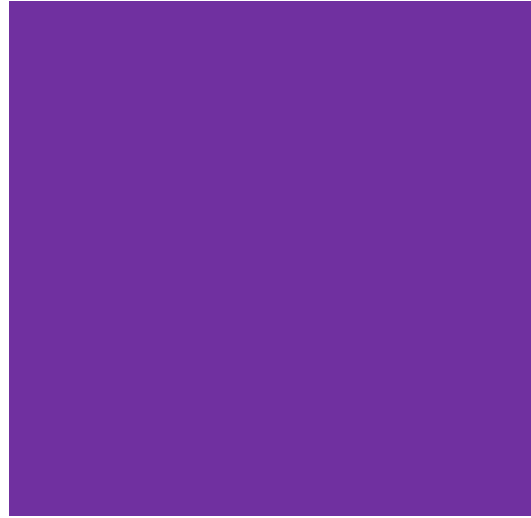
These colours are **Secondary** colours?



Orange

Primary colours

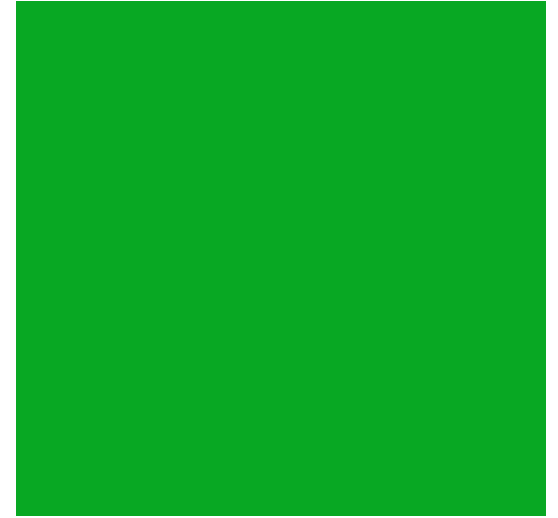
Red + yellow



Purple

Primary colours

Red + blue



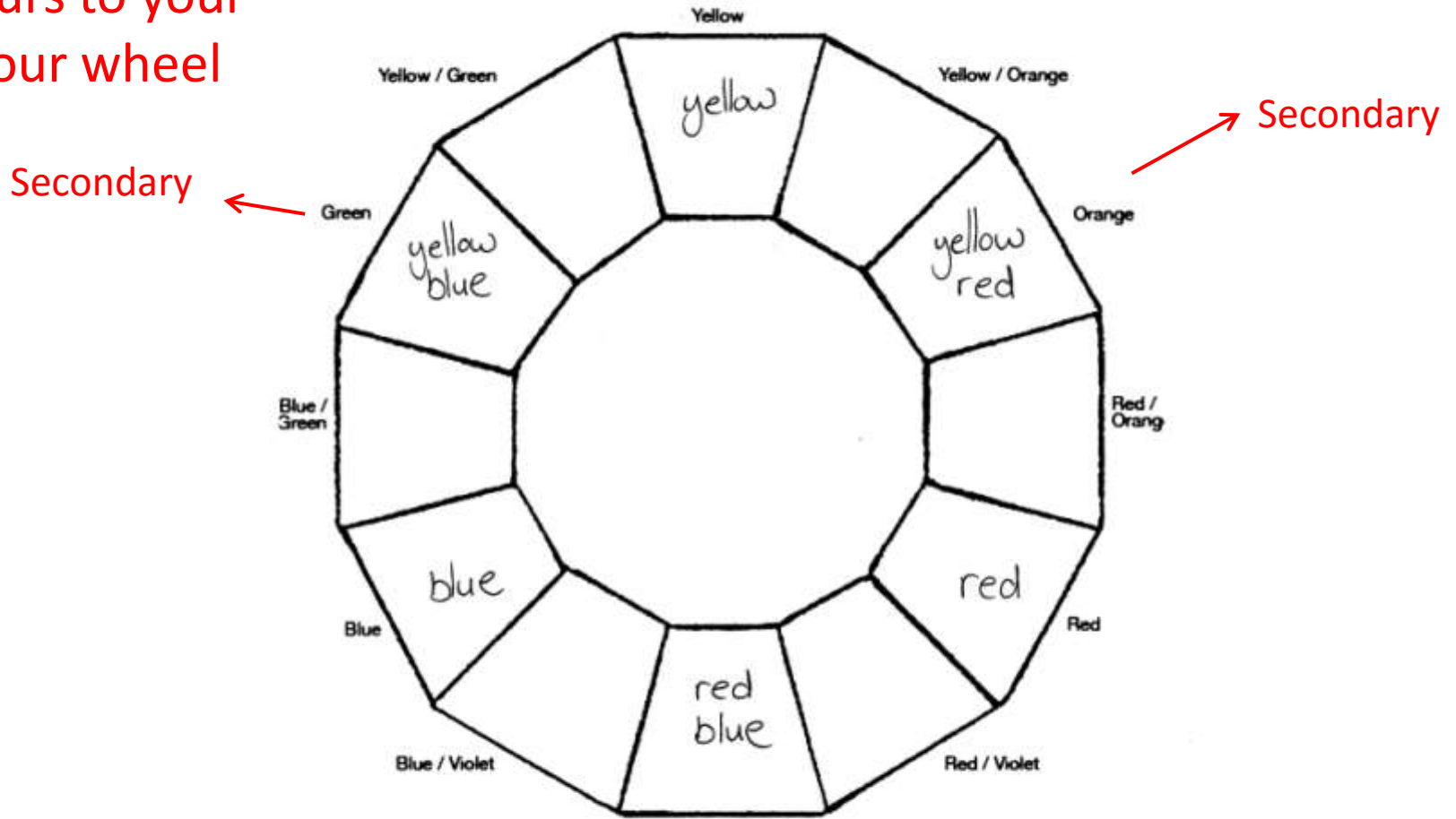
Green

Primary colours

Blue + yellow

Fill in  
Secondary  
colours to your  
colour wheel

Blank Color Wheel



Use this Blank Color Wheel to experiment with  
Color Schemes and Paint Mixtures

Secondary

Paint your  
Secondary colours  
onto your colour  
wheel

Write in your visual diary and write  
your answers

## How to make Secondary Colours

Red / Blue =

Blue / Yellow =

Yellow / Red =

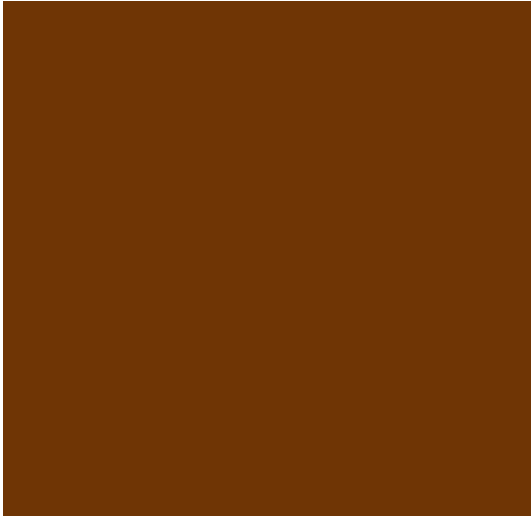
Practice makes for a perfect memory



# What is the definition of a Tertiary colour?

A Tertiary colour is made from combining either 3 Primary colours together or combining a secondary colour and a primary colour together.

# What colours are **Tertiary** colours?

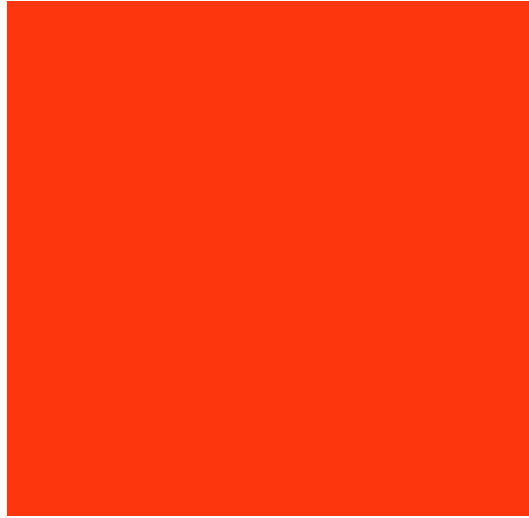


**Brown**

Primary colours  
red + yellow + blue

Or

Primary + Secondary colours  
Red + green

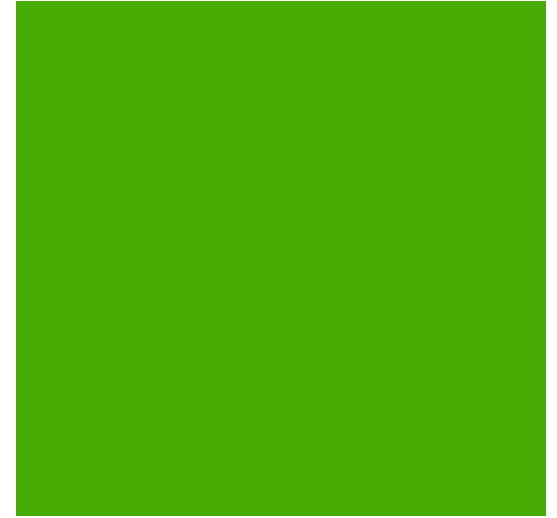


**Red orange**

Primary colours  
Red + yellow + red

Or

Primary + Secondary Colours  
Red + Orange



**Yellow Green**

Primary colours  
Yellow + blue + yellow

Or

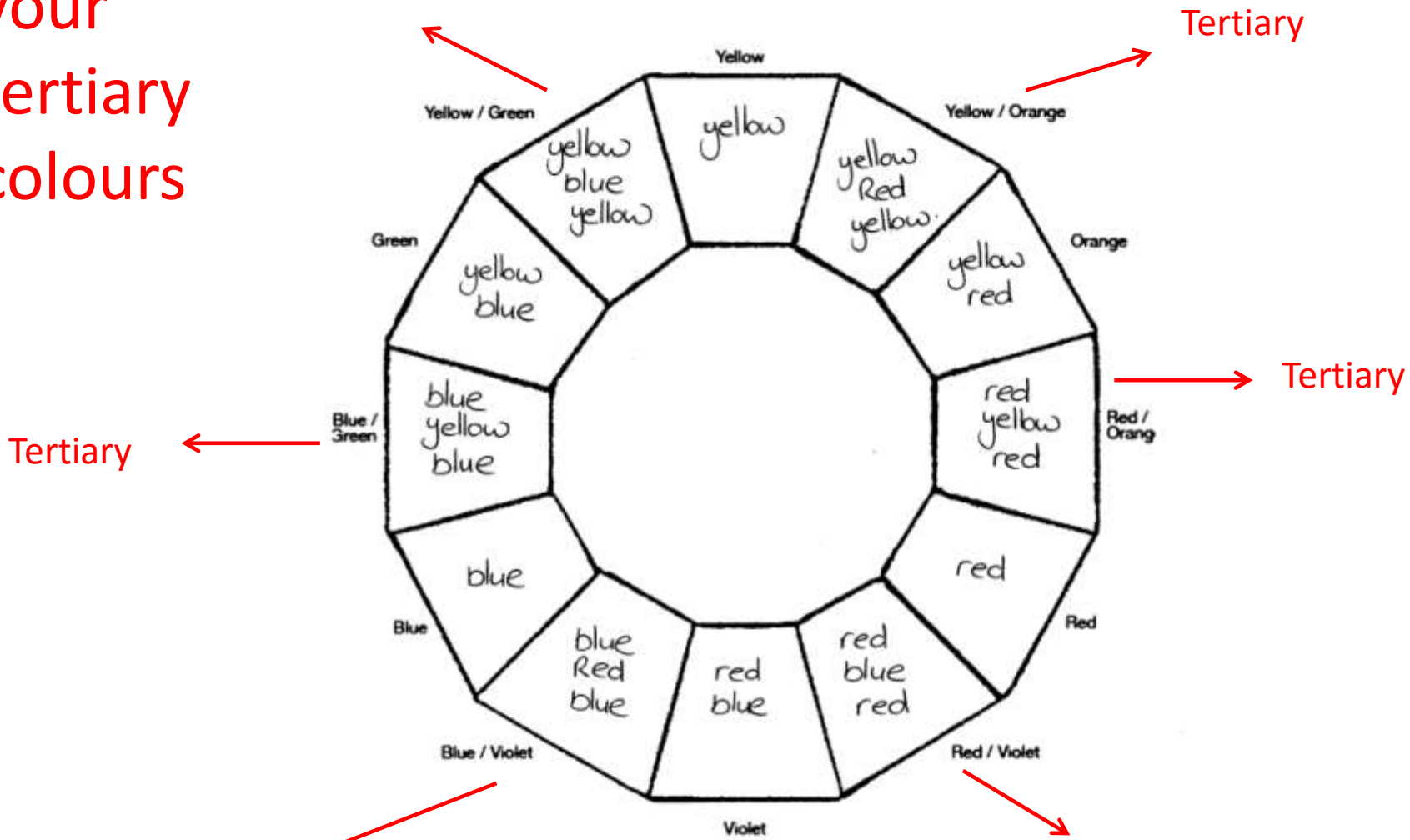
Primary + Secondary colours  
Yellow + Green

Paint Tertiary  
colours  
on your colour  
wheel

# Making Tertiary Colours from Primary Colours

## Blank Color Wheel

Fill in  
your  
tertiary  
colours



Use this Blank Color Wheel to experiment with Color Schemes and Paint Mixtures

Tertiary

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Tertiary

Tertiary

Write in your visual diary and write your answers

How to make Tertiary colours

Yellow / Orange =

Red / Orange =

Red / Violet (purple) =

Blue / Violet (purple) =

Blue / Green =

Yellow / Green =

# Black and White

Black and white are classed as hues, they can be mixed with any colours to lighten or darken the shade.

So are black and white even colours?

Well scientist don't believe black is even a colour at all, they believe black is simply the result you create when mixing all other colours together, that said they do class white as a colour and say if you placed all the colours on a light spectrum and spun it the colour you would see would be white and not black, thus making white a viable colour.

Food for though isn't it!

I hope this resource is a good little one for you to work with especially younger Children, if you have an electronic white board why not show this as a visual. I did when I taught primary school art and it was very easy for the kid's to understand. Please email [elzingacollective@outlook.com.au](mailto:elzingacollective@outlook.com.au) if you require the file.

This has been another Karen Elzinga Art Lesson for Elzinga Collective



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