What colour was it?

Describe colours and help someone find a missing item.

1 Look at the lost-property photos

A. In pairs, name the objects. What colour is each one?

B. Match the phrases to photos A–F. Write one letter for each phrase.













1. olive green ____ **2.** pale pink ____ **3.** bright red ____

4. mustard yellow ____ **5.** navy blue ____ **6.** light beige ____

2 Say it more clearly

Use the examples to help you describe a shade.

pale pink	a very light pink
navy blue	a very dark blue
bright red	a strong red that is easy to notice

Choose another photo. Say what you see.

I can see a navy blue backpack.

B1 Try -ish when you're unsure. "It looks greenish to me."

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At the station

Listen to three voicemail messages for the lost-property desk.

3 Listen and match

A. Listen once. Which photo (A–F) matches each message?

B. Listen again. Write the colour, place and one extra detail.

Audio / CO1-Lost-Property-Listening.mp3

Msg	Photo	Colour	Last place	Extra detail
1				
2				
3				

4 Can you find my missing item?

A. Choose a real or imagined item. Plan what you'll say to the person at the lost-property desk.

Item and colour _____

Last place you saw it _____

One feature (e.g. a broken zip) _____

B. Take turns being the caller and the person at the desk.

Ask a follow-up question. Then repeat the details to check.

Useful language

I left my … on the train. • It's light blue with a white zip.

Is it light or dark blue? • Where did you last see it?

B1 "I'm pretty sure …" • "It might still be …"

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Six more shades

Use the colour guide to label objects and describe something you know.

Colour guide

turquoise — a blue-green

burgundy — a deep red like red wine

lavender — a pale purple

charcoal grey — a very dark grey

peach — a pale pink-orange

cream — a warm, yellowish white

1 Label the items

Write the shade from the guide. Use each shade once.

1. The scarf is the colour of red wine. _____
2. The suitcase is almost black, but it’s grey. _____
3. The trainers are a light purple. _____
4. The water bottle is somewhere between blue and green. _____
5. The mug is a light mix of pink and orange. _____
6. The hat is nearly white, with a little yellow in it. _____

2 Describe a missing item

Write a message to a lost-property desk. Say what you lost, where you last saw it and one detail. Use at least one shade from the guide.

Start like this. “Hi, I’m looking for my …”

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