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Have you noticed how often red, white, and blue turn up in slang and common expressions? Communists are reds (so we get red scare, etc.). We have red tape, roll out the red carpet, refer to some people as rednecks. We have the white line, and have old expressions like "that's white of you" and new ones like white-out. We get the blues, appoint blue ribbon panels, even see blue movies. How many of the following can you define? Answers are in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

1. red apple
2. red ball
3. red cap
4. red-eye
5. red-faced
6. red herring
7. redline
8. red stuff
9. in the red
10. white hope
11. white lightning
12. white money
13. white sidewalls
14. white stuff
15. whitewash
16. white wing
17. show the white feather
18. man on a white horse
19. blue balls
20. blue bottle
21. blue book
22. blue devils
23. blue-eyed boy
24. blue funk
25. blue jack
26. blue nose
27. blue ointment
28. blue stocking
29. true blue
30. once in a blue moon

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During the war I was amazed at the number of slang phrases I have been taught around letters. The rest of the force seemed to know the meaning of many.

In this article, there are samples a wide variety of phrases. Try to find the meaning of each.

The word "blue" is not confined to as the color, but includes the thunder and lightning. The red is fine as the color, but "red tape" is another matter. The green is fine as the color, but "green light" is another matter. The yellow is fine as the color, but "yellow peril" is another matter. The white is fine as the color, but "white hope" is another matter. The black is fine as the color, but "black sheep" is another matter.

The first thing you should do is to try to find the meaning of each.

The second thing you should do is to try to find the meaning of each.

The third thing you should do is to try to find the meaning of each.

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The seventh thing you should do is to try to find the meaning of each.

The eighth thing you should do is to try to find the meaning of each.

The ninth thing you should do is to try to find the meaning of each.

The tenth thing you should do is to try to find the meaning of each.

I close with a thought that you derive the meaning of each and see how many of the phrases you can.