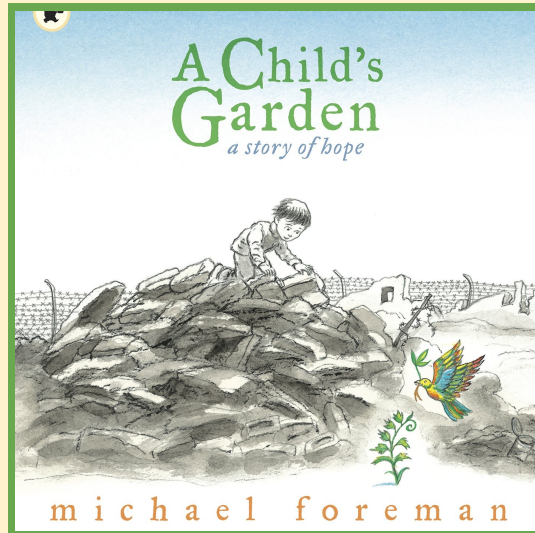


Online reading Lesson 9 - A Child's Garden

Colours and Feelings/moods in Images



Read the book: "**A Child's Garden** - a story of hope" by Michael Foreman.
Click this link to listen to the book: [A Child's Garden](#)

- When an author/illustrator like Michael Foreman, illustrates a story with painted images, he is wanting the illustrations to help us to read and interpret (understand) the text.
 - One way that he does this is by using colour.
 - **Colour** - the colours of an illustration can affect the viewer (you), emotionally, the colours can suggest a mood or create a feeling about a person, place or object in the story.
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- Read the story again, pause at 0:30 and look at the illustration.
 - This illustration makes me feel a bit dull and depressed (sad), the main colours are grey and brown.
 - Wait a minute! Look 🧐 at this colour chart ↓ grey says "depressing", brown says "dull", it looks as though the author wanted me to feel dull and depressed!

COLOUR



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White	purity, virtue, peace, simplicity
Yellow	energising, cheerful, hope, deceit, cowardice
Orange	energy, vibrancy, friendly, autumnal
Red	passion, anger, love, danger
Light purple and pinks	romance, spring
Purple	luxury, royalty, creativity
Blue	calmness, sadness, peace
Dark blue	business-like
Green	envy, jealousy, new life, growth, nature, renewables
Brown	reliability, dependable, dull, earthy, natural
Grey	moody, depressing, formal, conservative
Black	elegance, formality, evil, death, mystery

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- Continue the story, pause at 1:18 and look at the illustration.
- The ruined village is still grey and brown but now the boy has created some yellow and green.
- I am beginning this table ↓ by writing the feeling/mood for grey and brown:

Colour	Feeling/mood
grey	● depressing
brown	● dull
yellow	●
green	●

- Now, you complete the table with the appropriate words from the colour chart for yellow and green. ↑
- You can write by clicking in the boxes. ↑



- Continue the story, pause at 1:59 and look at the illustration.
- You can see birds, butterflies, children playing, flowers, and blue sky.
- Think about how this illustration is making you feel 🌈☀️
- Now complete the table 👉 by adding the appropriate feeling or mood from the colour chart.

Colour	Feeling/mood
yellow	●
blue	●
green	●
red	●
pink	●
orange	●

- Read through the whole story one more time: [A Child's Garden](#)
- While you are reading, look at the colours in the illustrations:
 1. The half and half colours when the soldiers pull down the vine.
 2. The small yellow glow in the winter hut.
 3. The tiny bits of yellow and green when the young plants appear.
 4. The very last page where everything is in full colour.
- Now that you have learned about colours affecting your feelings and moods, you can probably tell why you feel a certain way when you look at each page!