

Early Level 2 Non-fiction – Living in a Colourful World

When you look at a rainbow, how do you know that you see what everybody else sees? There are seven colours in a rainbow – red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet – but some people see these colours differently because they are colour-blind.

If someone is colour-blind, it doesn't mean that they can't see colours. It just means they can't tell the difference between some colours.

Why are some people colour-blind?

Most people who are colour-blind are born that way. Some people may become colour-blind because of an accident or an illness.

Males are more likely than females to be colour-blind. In a group of two hundred girls, it's likely that one or two will be colour-blind, but in a group of two hundred boys, it's likely that about seventeen boys will be.

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