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Words

紫色
zǐsè purple / violet (color)

咖啡色
kāfēisè coffee color / brown

深
shēn deep

> 颜色深了些。
> Yánsè shēnle xiē.
> The colour is a bit too dark.

金
jīn gold / chemical element Au / golden / money / generic term for lustrous and ductile metals / Jurchen Jin dynasty (1115–1234) / surname Kim (Korean) / one of the eight categories of ancient musical instruments /八音[ba1 yin1] / highly respected / surname Jin

> 这个项目是一块金。
> Zhège xiàngmù shì yíkuài jīn.
> This project is a gold nugget.

亮
liàng bright / light / to shine / to flash / to show (one's passport etc) / to make public (one's views etc) / loud and clear

> 灯没有亮着。
> Dēng méiyǒu liàngzhe.
> The lights aren't on.

橙
chéng orange tree / orange (color)
dèng stool / seat

红 紅
hóng red / surname Hong / bonus / popular / revolutionary
gōng used in 女红 nǚgōng (needlework; women's handiwork)

> 我喜欢红肉。
> Wǒ xǐhuan hóng ròu.
> I love red meat.

白
bái white / in vain / free of charge / (of facts, the truth, a situation) clear / evident (e.g. 真相大白[zhen1 xiang4 da4 bai2]) / reactionary / anti-communist (e.g. 白區|白区[bai2 qu1]) / Bai ethnic group / to explain / to state (e.g. 辯白|辩白[bian4 bai2]) / spoken lines in opera (e.g. 念白[nian4 bai2]) / to give a disdainful look (e.g. 白了他一眼[bai2 le5 ta1 yi1 yan3]) / vernacular (e.g. 白話|白话[bai2 hua4]) / plain / without additions (e.g. 白飯|白饭[bai2 fan4]) / surname Bai

> 他没有白死。
> Tā méiyǒu bái sǐ.
> He didn't die in vain.

黑
hēi black / dark / sinister / secret / shady / illegal / short name for Heilongjiang 黑龍江|黑龙江[Hei1 long2 jiang1] / to hack (computing) / to hide (sth) away / to vilify

> 云越来越黑。
> Yún yuèláiyuè hēi.
> The clouds are getting darker.

灰色
huīsè gray / ash gray / grizzly / pessimistic / gloomy / dispirited / ambiguous

> 她的袜子是灰色的。
> Tā de wàzi shì huīsè de.
> Her socks are gray.

橙色
chéngsè orange (color)

浅 淺
qiǎn shallow / not close (of relationships) / light (color) / superficial / limited (of learning or insight) / simple / easy to understand / short (of time)
jiān sound of moving water

> 这条河浅吗?
> Zhè tiáo hé qiǎn ma?
> Is this river shallow?

彩色
cǎisè color / multicolored

> 她穿了一条彩色的裙子。
> Tā chuān le yìtiáo cǎisè de qúnzi.
> She is wearing a multicolored skirt.

黑白
hēibái black and white / right and wrong / monochrome

> 这张老照片是黑白的。
> Zhè zhāng lǎo zhàopiān shì hēibái de.
> This old photo is black and white.

金色
jīnsè golden / gold (color)

银色 銀色
yínsè silver (color)

色彩
sècǎi tint / coloring / coloration / flavor / character

> 这幅画的色彩很丰富。
> Zhè fú huà de sècǎi hěn fēngfù.
> The colors in this painting are very rich.

淡
dàn indifferent / light in color / insipid / diluted / weak / mild / tasteless / nitrogen
yǎn (of water) brimming and calm

> 你有任何淡啤酒吗?
> Nǐ yǒu rènhé dàn píjiǔ ma?
> Do you have any light beer?

浓 濃
nóng dense / strong (smell etc) / concentrated

> 这咖啡很浓。
> Zhè kāfēi hěn nóng.
> This coffee is very strong.

五颜六色 五顏六色
wǔyánliùsè multicolored / every color under the sun

> 他们的旗五颜六色。
> Tāmen de qí wǔyánliùsè.
> Their flag was colourful.

青
qīng youth / green / short name for Qinghai 青海[Qing1 hai3] / blue / young (of people) / black

> 这些橘子还是青的，很酸。
> Zhèxiē júzi háishi qīng de, hěn suān.
> These oranges are still green and very sour.

象征 象徵
xiàngzhēng symbol / emblem / to symbolize / to signify / to represent

> 富士山是日本的象征。
> Fùshì Shān shì Rìběn de xiàngzhēng.
> Mt. Fuji is a symbol of Japan.

暗
àn dark / secret / hidden / to turn dark / confused / ignorant

> 天暗了下来。
> Tiān àn le xiàlai.
> The sky turned dark.

雪白
xuěbái snow white

> 这只小猫的毛是雪白的。
> Zhè zhī xiǎomāo de Máo shì xuěbái de.
> This kitten's fur is snow white.

金黄 金黃
jīnhuáng golden yellow / golden

丰富多彩 豐富多彩
fēngfùduōcǎi richly colorful

> 大学生活丰富多彩。
> Dàxué shēnghuó fēngfù-duōcǎi.
> University life is rich and colorful.

火红 火紅
huǒhóng fiery / blazing

> 火红的太阳慢慢升起来了。
> Huǒhóng de tàiyang mànmàn shēng qǐlaile.
> The blazing red sun slowly rose.

粉红色 粉紅色
fěnhóngsè pink

> 女儿的书包是粉红色的。
> Nǚ'ér de shūbāo shì fěnhóngsè de.
> My daughter's schoolbag is pink.

淡黄 淡黃
dànhuáng light yellow

> 春天到了，树上长出淡黄的小花。
> Chūntiān dàole, shù shàng zhǎng chū dànhuáng de xiǎohuā.
> Spring has come, and little light yellow flowers are growing on the trees.

黄 黃
huáng yellow / surname Huang or Hwang / pornographic / to fall through

> 这花是黄的。
> Zhè huā shì huáng de.
> The flower is yellow.

棕色
zōngsè brown

> 她有棕色鞋。
> Tā yǒu zōngsè xié.
> She has brown shoes.

鲜艳 鮮豔
xiānyàn bright-colored / gaily-colored

> 春天的花开得很鲜艳。
> Chūntiān de huā kāi de hěn xiānyàn.
> The spring flowers are blooming in bright colors.

颜料 顏料
yánliào paint / dye / pigment

染
rǎn to contaminate / to dye / to add color washes to a painting / to catch (a disease) / to acquire (bad habits etc)

> 你染过头发吗?
> Nǐ rǎnguo tóufa ma?
> Have you ever dyed your hair?

明亮
míngliàng bright / shining / glittering / to become clear

> 我喜欢明亮的颜色。
> Wǒ xǐhuan míngliàng de yánsè.
> I like bright colors.

银 銀

yín relating to money or currency / silver / silver-colored

> 你在哪买的银?
> Nǐ zài nǎ mǎi de yín?
> How do you buy silver?

图案 圖案

tú'àn design / pattern

> 我注意到一个图案。
> Wǒ zhùyì dào yí gè tú'àn.
> I noticed a pattern.

花色

huāsè variety / design and color / suit (cards)

乌黑 烏黑

wūhēi jet-black / dark

单色 單色

dānsè monochrome / monochromatic / black and white

墨绿 墨綠

mòlǜ dark green / forest green