

TEACHER'S NOTES

rainbow

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Overview: Suggestions for using the **Macmillan Dictionary BuzzWord** article on *rainbow* and the associated worksheet.

Total time for worksheet activities: 35 minutes

Suggested level: Intermediate and above

1. If you intend to use the worksheets in class, go to the *BuzzWord* article at the web address given at the beginning of the worksheet and print off a copy of the article. Make a copy of the worksheet and the *BuzzWord* article for each student. You might find it helpful not to print a copy of the Key for each student but to check the answers as a class.
2. If the members of your class all have computer access, ask them to open the worksheet before they go to the *BuzzWord* article link. Make sure they do not scroll down to the Key until they have completed each exercise.
3. Encourage the students to read through the questions in Exercise 1 before they look at the article. When they have completed the exercise, ask them to compare their answers with a partner. Then check the answers as a class.
4. In Exercise 2, make sure that the students know that the words appear in the same order in which they appear in the text. Point out that the adjective *unerring* can be used and often collocates with the noun *accuracy*, as in 'Messi scored from the free kick with his usual *unerring* accuracy'. Point out that the word *fuzzy* can have a negative meaning. A *fuzzy* television picture is one that you cannot see clearly and a *fuzzy* argument or idea does not make much sense because it is not clear. Emphasize that the word *latterly* is more formal than *recently*.
5. Ask your students to complete Exercise 3 without looking back at the text. If they have a good general idea of the sense of the text (and what *rainbow* is in the context of this article), they should be able to answer most of the questions.
6. In both Exercise 4 and Exercise 5, ask students to complete the exercise then discuss their answers with a partner. Ask them to check their answers by looking at the text again.
7. In Exercise 6, point out that *radiate* also collocates with other positive words such as *happiness*.
8. As an end of class activity, ask students to read the second quote at the beginning of the article again. Ask them what happened in Ireland to make it 'a *rainbow nation*'. What result is being referred to? (It was a referendum to approve same-sex marriage).

Go to the **Macmillan Dictionary BuzzWord** article at:

<http://www.macmillandictionary.com/buzzword/entries/rainbow.html>

1 Find the information

Read the **BuzzWord** article on *rainbow* and answer these questions.

1. What is a *rainbow alliance*?
2. What is a *rainbow coalition*?
3. What is a *rainbow nation*?
4. Who is credited with first coining the expression *rainbow nation*?
5. When did this happen?
6. When did the *rainbow* flag first appear?

2 Find the word

Look in the text and find the following words. The first letters of the words are given. The words are in the order in which they appear in the text.

1. an adverb meaning *always correctly or accurately*. u _____
2. an adjective meaning *full of love and kindness*. f _____
3. a verb meaning *to become free of negative attitudes, thoughts or feelings that limit what can be achieved*. t _____
4. a two-word adjective meaning *attractive and unusual and therefore noticed*. e _____
5. a verb meaning *to create*. s _____
6. an adverb meaning *in a way that expresses criticism or a bad opinion of someone or something*. p _____
7. a two-word phrasal verb meaning *to ignore or avoid unpleasant facts*. g _____
8. an adverb meaning *recently*. l _____

3 Comprehension check

Are these statements true or false according to the text? Correct the false statements.

1. It is rather surprising that the word *rainbow* has been adopted as a metaphor for the idea of unity.
2. The adjective *rainbow* can only be used before the noun it refers to.
3. Its association with LGBT rights has helped to promote the metaphorical sense of *rainbow*.
4. Archbishop Desmond Tutu is credited with the first metaphorical use of the word *rainbow*.
5. *Rainbowism* is a very positive concept in South Africa.
6. In recent times the *rainbow* flag has become a universal symbol of solidarity.

WORKSHEET

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4 Words followed by prepositions

Complete the expressions from the text using prepositions.

1. capable _____
2. likened _____
3. in the context _____
4. a catalyst _____
5. credited _____
6. a metaphor _____

5 Word building

Complete the table using words from the text.

Adjective	Noun
1. positive	_____
2. ethnic	_____
3. sexual	_____
4. _____	problem
5. _____	disadvantage
6. _____	metaphor

6 Verb + noun collocations

Match the verbs in the left-hand column with the nouns or noun phrases in the right-hand column to make phrases from the text.

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|---------------|--|
| 1. radiate | a. ground |
| 2. achieve | b. an expression |
| 3. gain | c. the profile of something (or someone) |
| 4. gloss over | d. positivity |
| 5. raise | e. a common goal |
| 6. coin | f. problematic issues |

KEY

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KEY

1 Find the information

1. Groups from different backgrounds working together to achieve a common goal.
2. A governing alliance composed of a number of different political parties.
3. A country which contains people from many different races or cultures.
4. Archbishop Desmond Tutu.
5. 1994.
6. In the 1970s.

2 Find the word

1. unerringly
2. fuzzy
3. transcend
4. eye-catching
5. spawn
6. pejoratively
7. gloss over
8. latterly

3 Comprehension check

1. False. It is no surprise.
2. True.
3. True.
4. False. He is credited with the first use of the term *rainbow nation*.
5. False. It is negative. (It is used pejoratively).
6. True.

4 Words followed by prepositions

1. of
2. to
3. of
4. for
5. with
6. for

5 Word building

1. positivity
2. ethnicity
3. sexuality
4. problematic
5. disadvantaged
6. metaphoric

6 Verb + noun collocations

1. d
2. e
3. a
4. f
5. c
6. b