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Can you match the colour with the correct description of what it symbolises?

Red

This colour is used to symbolise death. It is worn for funerals.

Green

This colour symbolises love, purity and innocence. It is worn at Christmas and Easter.

Purple

This colour is used during times of preparation like Advent and Lent. It symbolises humility.

Black

This colour symbolises the blood of Christ and the Holy Spirit. It is worn at Pentecost.

White

This colour is a symbol of creation, hope and faith and is worn when the other colours aren't.

Design a costume you could wear for a Christian festival or time of year using the appropriate colour:



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Can you complete the information to show what the different colours symbolise? Use the words below to help you:

\_\_\_\_\_ is used to symbolise Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit. It is worn during a festival called \_\_\_\_\_.

Green is used to symbolise \_\_\_\_\_, faith and hope. It is worn when the other special colours are not needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ is used to symbolise \_\_\_\_\_. It is worn for funerals.

Purple is used to symbolise humility. It is worn for seasons of preparation such as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is used to symbolise love, purity and \_\_\_\_\_. It is worn for all major celebrations like Christmas and \_\_\_\_\_.

innocence  
black

Pentecost  
Advent

red  
Lent

creation  
Easter

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Can you describe what each of the the different colours symbolise and when they are worn by the clergy?

Red:

Green:

Purple:

White:

Black:

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## What do the different colours of clerical vestments symbolise?

The clergy (priests, vicars and ministers) of the Christian church wear special clothes called vestments. At different times, certain parts of the vestments change colour to reflect a festival, event or special time of the year.

Red: Red symbolises the blood of Christ and the Holy Spirit. It is worn for feast days for certain saints and also during a celebration called **Pentecost**.

### What is **Advent**?

Advent is the period before Christmas when Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus on earth. It starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Day.

### What is **Lent**?

Lent is the 40 days before Easter. It is a time when Christians prepare for remembering how Jesus was crucified, died and was then resurrected. Lent is traditionally a time of fasting and reflection. Today, lots of Christians give up something they really enjoy as a symbol of humility.

### What is **Pentecost**?

Pentecost is a special day that takes place 50 days after Easter. It remembers the day the Christian church began. After Jesus went to heaven, Jesus' disciples were praying. While they prayed, a sound like rushing wind filled the air and tongues of fire rested over their heads. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They immediately went out and started preaching to the people. Some of them preached in the native languages of the people they met. This created a stir and by the end of the day, 3000 people had been baptised and the Christian church was born.

Purple: Purple is a symbol of humility, meaning 'to be humble'. It is worn during times of preparation before a big festival. It is mostly worn during **Advent** and **Lent**.

White: White is worn for all the major celebrations in the Christian calendar, such as Christmas and Easter. It is a symbol of love, purity, innocence and triumph.

Black: Black is a symbol for death. It is worn for funerals and sometimes on Good Friday when Christians remember how Jesus was crucified.

Green: Green is the colour most often worn by the clergy because it is the colour that is worn at all the other times of the year when special colours are not needed. Green symbolises hope, faith and creation.

