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Black and White

Idioms are a phrase that mean something different from their literal meaning. For example, *it's raining cats and dogs* is an idiom. However, it does not mean cats and dogs are falling from the sky. Instead, it means it is raining very hard. Many idioms use the word black which may lead to discrimination.

a. Write the meaning of the idioms used in the following sentences.

b. Tick mark the idioms which you think have racist or discriminatory tone even if the intention was not so.

1) Swati fell from the stairs. Her leg turned *black and blue*.

2) He failed almost all the subjects in school. He was kind of the *black sheep* of the family.

3) Vicky described Bunty as selfish. Talk about the *pot calling the kettle black!*

4) Honestly, I didn't like her dress, so I told a little *white lie*.

5) He can never become a doctor. He always *blacks out* at the sight of blood.

6) This is a *black and white* situation. You are either with us or against us.

7) Be careful of what you buy on the *black market* - it's not always good quality.

8) Stay away from Bablu today. He's in a *black mood*.



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9) I need to know if it will be a casual get-together or a *black-tie event*.

10) Karan would never cheat on an exam. He's *as pure as the driven snow*.

11) She stuck to me like *white on rice* when she found out I had an extra movie ticket.

12) Her parents are proud of her. She is a *great white hope* for them.

13) After watching that horror movie, he was so scared that his face turned *as white as a sheet*.

14) The stadium is likely to become a *white elephant* after the championship games are over.

15) Sana said, "All right, I raise the *white flag*—you win the game!"

16) I'm pleased to announce that the company is *in the black* for the fifth consecutive year.

c. Can you think of an idiom from your daily life which has discriminatory or racist tone?
