This exercise tests your understanding of color idioms in English. Fill in the blanks.

1. Yesterday’s ....................... was due to unexpected problems with electricity production.
   black out
   black off
   black in

2. Susie will go ......................... with envy when she sees your new car.
   red
   blue
   green

3. He is not the kind of guy you can depend on when you are in trouble. He’s .........................
   white
   black
   yellow

4. A lot of people want to adopt babies. It is the ......................... tape that discourages them.
5. James was neither brilliant nor hardworking. His Dad always treated him like a 
…………………………….. sheep.

6. Mr. Mathews is going to take over as the next chairman. Be sure to roll out the 
…………………………….. carpet when he arrives.

7. They have just purchased a new home in the 
…………………………….. belt.
8. The situation is not as ___________________ as you think.

black  
white  
black and white

9. I’m feeling rather ___________________ these days. Have you got something to cheer me up?

grey  
blue  
pink

10. He had to tell a ___________________ lie to escape his mother’s punishment.

blue  
white  
black

11. The civil authority has given the ___________________ light to the project.

green  
blue
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white

Answers

1. Yesterday’s black out was due to unexpected problems with electricity production.

2. Susie will go green with envy when she sees your new car.

3. He is not the kind of guy you can depend on when you are in trouble. He’s yellow.

4. A lot of people want to adopt babies. It is the red tape that discourages them.

5. James was neither brilliant nor hardworking. His Dad always treated him like a black sheep.

6. Mr. Mathews is going to take over as the next chairman. Be sure to roll out the red carpet when he arrives.

7. They have just purchased a new home in the green belt.

8. The situation is not as black and white as you think.

9. I’m feeling rather blue these days. Have you got something to cheer me up?

10. He had to tell a white lie to escape his mother’s punishment.

11. The civil authority has given the green light to the project.