

3.1 Background Colour and Hexadecimal code

You can also change the background of your web page quite easily.

The easiest way to change the background is to give it a colour. We have already learned that you can use the names of colours (as long as you can spell in American!!)

You can also use hexadecimal code and this allows you to use ALL the colours that are available. Remember though, that there are only 216 'web safe colours'. (Colours that will look similar on all computers.)

Hex code is written in 3 pairs of numbers or letters

#FFFFFF = white

#000000 = black

#FFFF00 = yellow

#FF0000 = red

#0000FF = blue

Now work out the colours that you want

(or cheat and look them up at sites like visibone:

<http://html-color-codes.com/>

<pre><HTML> <BODY BGCOLOR="#??????"></pre>	<i>Experiment using hexadecimal code—remember to use 3 pairs of numbers</i>
<pre></pre>	
Type something	
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<pre></BODY> </HTML></pre>	<i>You do not need any more detail than this as the colour is an ATTRIBUTE of the body tag</i>

REMEMBER:

1. Use “ ” speech marks around your colour code
2. Make sure your colours go well enough together and your work is easy enough to read.

NOW YOU TRY:

OPEN Notepad,

USE body tag and hex code to change the background of a web page.

use different colour writing to check and see which writing is easy to read and which is hard to read.

Can you explain which combinations are easier to read and which are harder?