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Colourful Idioms

An activity of "Wolbachia: a powerful weapon against dengue".

In the story "Wolbachia: a powerful weapon against dengue" (page 8, *What's Up* May 2023), the writer uses the idiom "a silver bullet" to remind us that there is no simple and complete solution in the fight against dengue. This metaphor is also an example of an **idiom** — an expression that **means something different** (having a simple and complete solution) from what **it literally says** (having a silver bullet).

1. The writer uses another idiom in the second paragraph: "fight fire with fire". Can you guess what it means in the story?

2. Here are some colourful idioms. For each idiom, discuss with a partner what you think it means. Then, check if you are correct using a dictionary. Write down the correct meaning in the space provided. Finally, construct a sentence using the idiom.

a) "roll out the red carpet"

Meaning: _____

Sentence: _____

b) "black-and-white"

Meaning: _____

Sentence: _____

c) "the blues"

Meaning: _____

Sentence: _____

d) “give the green light”

Meaning: _____

Sentence: _____

e) “tickled pink”

Meaning: _____

Sentence: _____

f) “grey area”

Meaning: _____

Sentence: _____

g) “a heart of gold”

Meaning: _____

Sentence: _____

h) “a white lie”

Meaning: _____

Sentence: _____
