

# The origin of the English idioms containing colour elements and ways of their translation into Russian

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# The adopted idioms

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**The intralingual English idioms**

**The interlingual English  
idioms**

**The primordial English  
idioms**



# **The primordial English idioms**

# The blue stocking



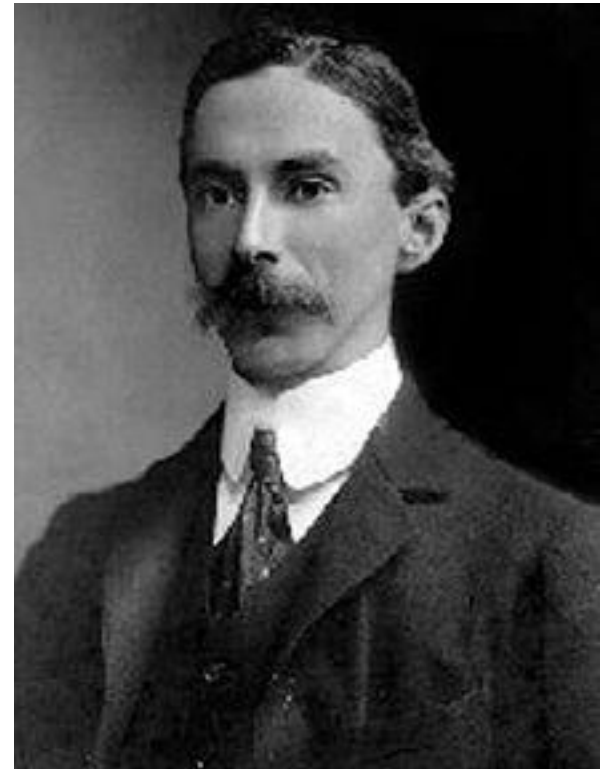
# A black sheep



# A thin red line

Life-and-death struggle  
(Uphold one's principles)

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# **Biblical phrases containing colour elements**

# THE GOLDEN RULE



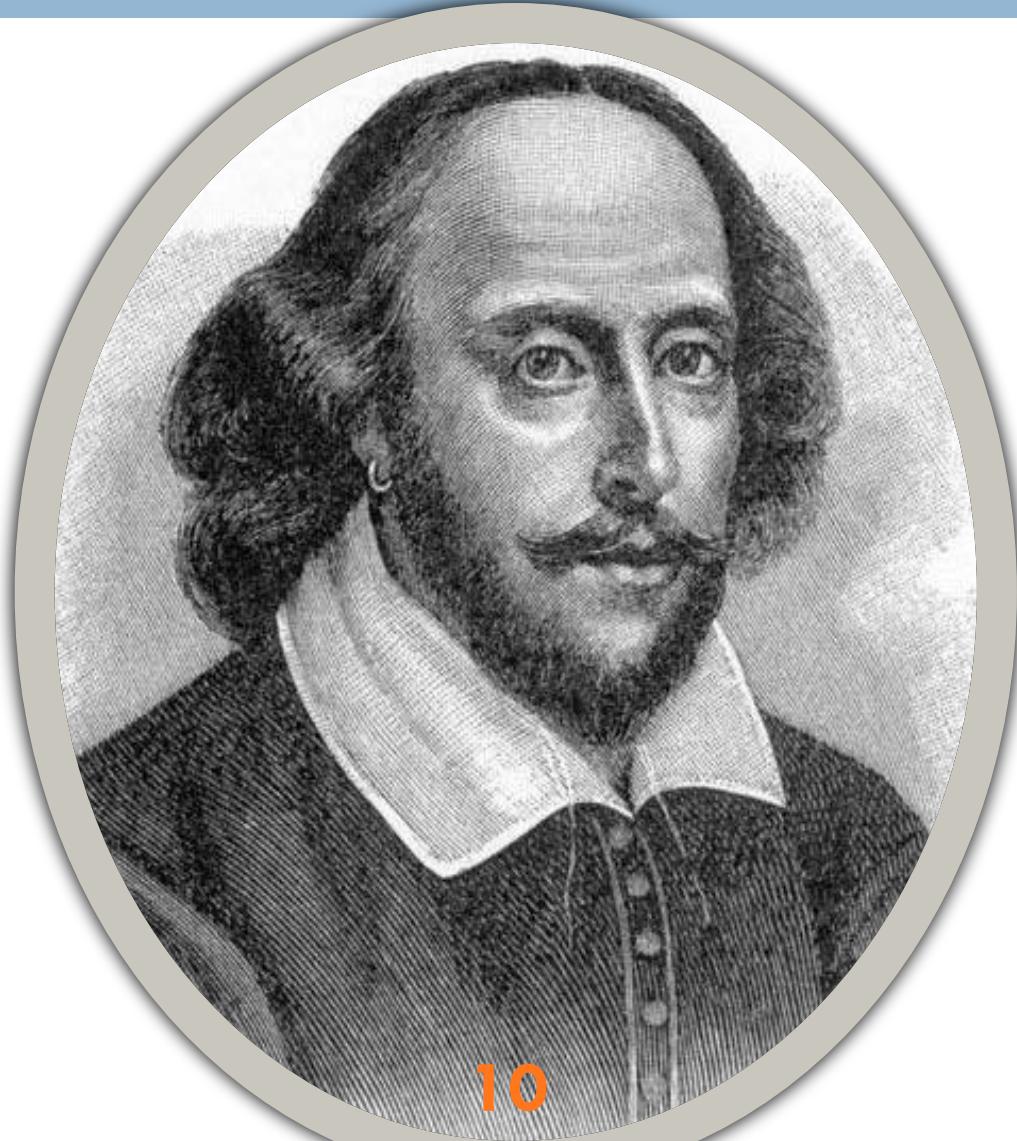


# A whited sepulcher

(A double-faced person)



# Adoptions taken from Shakespeare's works and works of other English writers



# The green eyed monster

(«Othello»)



**Bye golden opinion  
("Macbeth")**

**To be caught  
red-handed ("Ivengo" )**

# English idioms with colour elements adopted from different languages

**\*THE GOLDEN AGE**

**\*BLUE BLOOD**

**\*SPEECH IS SILVER,  
SILENCE IS GOLDEN**

# INTRALINGUAL ADOPTIONS

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\*A green light

\*Paint the town red

\*Gold rush

# INTRALINGUAL ADOPTIONS

\*have green fingers (быть  
хорошим садоводом)

be as blue as the  
devil(белая горячка)

be in the pink (быть  
счастливым)

- **Appropriate translation of the English idioms containing colour elements in their semantics**

\*English idioms that are total equivalents in Russian

\*English idioms that have prototypes in Russian

\*English idioms that don't have lexical equivalents in Russian.



# English idioms that are total equivalents in Russian

**\*As black as coal**

**\*As red as blood**

**\*Like a red rag to a bull**

**\*Yellow press**

**\*Look at something through  
rose-coloured glasses**

**\*White flag**

# English idioms that have prototypes in Russian

**\*Paint a black picture**

**\*To be in a black book**

**\*Yellow belly**

**\*Golden opportunity**

**\*Kill the goose that lays golden eggs**

**\*White lie**

**\*Put down in white and black**

English idioms that don't have lexical  
equivalents in Russian.

Idiomatic or literal ways of translation (calks)

**\*Grass is always greener on  
the other side of the hill**

**\*A black eye**

**\*Be in the black**

**\*Be in the red**

**\*Blue chips**



**Thank you for  
attention!**