

→ **Attempt the activity given below in your Literature Book.**

**Activity**

**Reading a poem**

**(15 marks)**

**The Paint Box by E.V.Rieu**

‘Cobalt and umber and ultramarine,  
Ivory black and emerald green –  
What shall I paint to give pleasure to you?’  
‘Paint for me somebody utterly new.’

‘I have painted you tigers in crimson and white.’  
‘The colours were good and you painted them aright.’  
‘I have painted the cook and a camel in blue  
And a panther in purple.’ ‘You painted them true.

Now mix me a colour that nobody knows,  
And paint me a country where nobody goes,  
And put it in people a little like you,  
Watching a unicorn drinking the dew.’

**Questions**

1. Discuss what the poem is about. **(3 marks)**
2. Identify the speakers involved in the poem. **(1 mark)**
3. Describe the unusual colour combination mentioned in stanza 2. **(2 marks)**
4. Identify any four colours mentioned in the poem. **(2 marks)**
5. Explain what feature of the poem makes it worth remembering. **(2 marks)**
6. Discuss the theme of the poem. **(3 marks)**
7. Identify a pair of rhyme. **(2 marks)**

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