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hue noun

(ˈhyū)

Synonyms of *hue*

- overall character or appearance to the mind : COMPLEXION, ASPECT
 - political parties of every *hue*
 - Louis Wasserman
 - a : COLOR
 - all the *hues* of the rainbow
 - b : gradation of color
 - the *hues* and shades of twilight
 - Colin Clark
 - c : the attribute of colors that permits them to be classed as red, yellow, green, blue, or an intermediate between any *contiguous* pair of these colors
 - red with an orange *hue*
- compare BRIGHTNESS sense 2, LIGHTNESS sense 2a, SATURATION sense 4

Synonyms

cast color shade
 tincture tinge tint
 tone

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Examples of *hue* in a Sentence

We decorated the room in *hues* of blue and green.

decorated the room in *hues* of blue and green

Recent Examples on the Web

- The cardigan is available in sizes S through XL and 12 *hues*.
— Clara McMahon, *Peoplemag*, 25 Oct. 2023
- Swap out artwork for fall kitchen wall decor in autumnal *hues* or motifs.
— Andrea Beck, *Better Homes & Gardens*, 25 Oct. 2023
- Made in Italy, the handcrafted porcelain plates feature dawn and dusk *hues* applied with an airbrush technique for an elegant finish.
— Casey Clark, *wsj.com*, 24 Oct. 2023

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Word History

Etymology

Middle English *hewe*, from Old English *hīw*; akin to Old Norse *hý* plant down, Goth *hiwi* form

First Known Use

before the 12th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *hue* was before the 12th century

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Kids Definition

hue noun

(ˈhyū)

- COLOR sense 1
- a particular variety of a color : SHADE
- an aspect of colors that allows them to be identified as red, yellow, green, blue, or something between any two of these colors



Medical Definition

hue noun

(ˈhyū)

: the one of the three psychological dimensions of color perception that permits them to be classed as red, yellow, green, and blue, or an intermediate between any contiguous pair of these colors, and that is correlated with the wavelength or the combination of wavelengths comprising the stimulus

→ compare BRIGHTNESS, SATURATION sense 4a

Geographical Definition

Hue geographical name

(ˈ(h)wā)

variants or French **Huế**
 city and port in central Vietnam; formerly capital of Annam *population* 302,983

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 Britannica English: Translation of *hue* for Arabic Speakers
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