

**Put the verbs in the right form to complete the text.**

### The Colour of Friendship

Once upon a time the colours of the world started to quarrel (ссориться).

All claimed that they \_\_\_\_\_ **(be)** the best. Green \_\_\_\_\_ **(say)**:

"Clearly I \_\_\_\_\_ **(be)** the most important. I \_\_\_\_\_ **(be)** the symbol of life and hope. I am the colour of grass, trees and leaves."

Blue interrupted: 'You \_\_\_\_\_ **(be)** speaking about the earth. But \_\_\_\_\_ **(look)** at the sky and the sea! Water is the basis of life. The sky \_\_\_\_\_ **(give)** space and peace. Without my peace, you would all be nothing.

Yellow chuckled (усмехаться): 'You are all so serious. I bring laughter and warmth into the world. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ **(be)** yellow, the moon \_\_\_\_\_ **(be)** yellow, the stars are yellow. Every time you look at a sunflower, the whole world \_\_\_\_\_ **(start)** to smile. Without me there \_\_\_\_\_ **(be)** no fun."

Red \_\_\_\_\_ **(shout)** out: "I am the ruler of all of you. I am blood - life's blood! I \_\_\_\_\_ **(be)** the colour of danger and of bravery. I bring fire into the blood. Without me the earth would be as empty as the moon. I am the colour of love."

Then Orange, Purple, Indigo \_\_\_\_\_ **(speak)** the same way. Their quarrelling \_\_\_\_\_ **(become)** louder and louder. Suddenly there \_\_\_\_\_ **(be)** a flash of bright lightening (молния), and thunder (гром) rolled and boomed. Rain \_\_\_\_\_ **(start)**. The colours got frightened and \_\_\_\_\_ **(come)** close to one another for comfort. Then Rain \_\_\_\_\_ **(begin)** to speak:

'You foolish colours! Don't you know that you were each made for a special purpose, different and unique? Join hands with one another and come to me.' The colours united and \_\_\_\_\_ **(join)** hands. The rain continued: "From now on, when it rains, each of you will stretch across the sky in a great bow of colour. It will remind (напоминать) you that you can all live in peace. The Rainbow is a sign of hope for tomorrow." And so, when a good rain \_\_\_\_\_ **(wash)** the world and a rainbow \_\_\_\_\_ **(appear)** in the sky, let us remember to appreciate (ценить) one another.

