

Why Don't Country Flags Use The Color Purple?

today's issue: Did you notice that few country flags use purple?

->I didn't notice that but I thought it was just because it looks not so good.

1. equivalent

a. **equivalent** [ɪˈkwɪvələnt] (n.) 等值；相等物；**同義字**

-Some Chinese words have no English equivalents.

b. **equal** [ˈɪkwəl] (**adj.**) 相等的；相當的

-Everyone is equal. No one should be treated differently.

c. **equality** [iˈkwələtɪ] (**n.**) 平等

-Gender equality is more and more important **nowadays**.

2. **sheer** 全然的；純粹的

a. **sheer** [ʃɪr] (**adj.**) **全然的；純粹的**

-There's a **sheer** luck that he won the **lottery**(頭彩).

b. **pure** [pjʊr] (**adj.**) 純粹的；純淨的

-It was pure coincidence that we met the other day.

c. **thorough** [ˈθɜːrə] (**adj.**) **徹底的；完全的**

-If you are feeling ill for days, you should get **thorough checkup**.

3. **astronomically** 極其地；龐大地；和天文學有關地

a. **astronomically** [æstrə`nɒmɪklɪ] (adv.) 極其地；龐大地；和天文學有關地

-The prices has arisen **astronomically** in the last twenty years.

b. **enormously** [ɪ`nɔrməsli] (adv.) 極其地；非常

-Beyond **expectations**, the movie is **enormously** popular.

c. **tremendously** [tri`mɛndəsli] (adv.) 極其地；非常

-He brought a **tremendously** expensive house.

4. nation 國家

a. nation [`neʃən] (n.) 國家

-The whole nation is celebrating the new born baby of the loyal family.

b. country [`kʌntri] (n.) 國家；國土；鄉下

-I prefer to live in the country.

-He loves his country so much.

A single pound of **dye** cost three pounds of gold, which is the equivalent of fifty six thousand dollars today. So since the **sheer** price of purple was so **astronomically** high, no one not even the richest nations could afford to have purple on their flag.

一磅的染料就要三磅黃金，等於現在的五萬六千美元。因為紫色的天價，就連最富有的國家也用不起紫色在國旗上