I have found that taxi drivers in Japan are willing to talk with their customers, so it is a good opportunity for me to improve my Japanese by talking with them. I took a taxi last Friday night, and I said to the driver, "midori desu yo (it's green)" when the signal changed from red to green. I had just learned how to describe colors in Japanese, so I wanted to try out the words. But the driver said to me, "ie ao desu yo midori ja nai desu (No, no. It's blue, not green!)." I looked at the signal again, but to my eyes the color was green. When I got back to my office, I asked my friends about the color of traffic signals. Some said, "It's blue," while others said, "It's green." Ms. Hirayama, what color do you think it is?

Most colors are described using katakana versions of the English words. However, shiro (white), aka (red), kuro (black), midori (green) and chairo (brown), etc, tend to be described using the original Japanese words. However, note that white wine is described using either English or Japanese wine (wine) tabun sugu wakaru to omouimasu (I think, I can understand).

Example 1 through 4 are frequently used. Be careful with the conjugated pronunciations!

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色 (color)

1. pure white (snow white) shirt. (white)
2. pure red (deep red) lipstick (red)
3. pure black (deep-black) hair (black)
4. pure blue sky (darkest blue) (blue)
5. pure blue (sky)

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