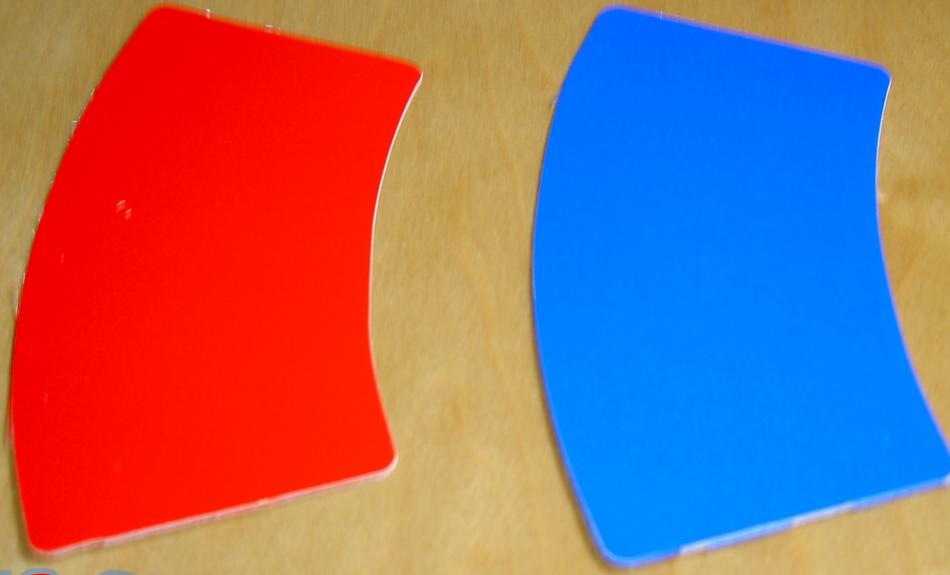


# What Are You Hiding?



**Things are not as they appear!**

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Which is the larger of the red and blue shapes? Oh, so you think you know. Are you sure? Think again. Sometimes things are not as they appear. Hopefully, our lives do not fall into this category. Good communication along with transparency does away with illusions. How do others perceive you? Good question, huh?

## **Hiding in the shadows**

The phrase 'Hiding in the shadows' could mean several things. You could be an introvert and constantly struggling with being shy, self-conscious and insecure. You could be living under the constant plans and expectations of others and not being you. Maybe it is hiding from the world in the shadow of someone more powerful and successful than you. I believe you get the picture. Hiding in the shadows does not allow you to be you and also causes you to miss out on many individualized and personalized opportunities. Break out of the shadows and shine.

## **Hiding in the crowd**

Let's focus on one meaning of this phrase. If you follow the crowd and do like the crowd, you are not allowing your potential to promote you. The crowd needs leaders and you may be one of them. Do not allow a crowd mentality to hide your potential. Stop hiding under the rocks or in the crowd and learn to properly tap your potential to excel to leading the crowd. Remember this important fact! The crowd could be a large group made up of people you may or may not know. Or, the crowd could be smaller made up of the ones you associate with daily.

## **Hiding within yourself**

This meaning is self-explanatory. Many hide within themselves because of fear to launch out or of failure. The mentality of an explorer, inventor or entrepreneur is to launch out into the deep for a great catch. Not fully knowing what it will take or how severe the fear may be, a challenge is at hand to conquer. Crack the egg shell, pull down the mental stronghold, change the routine and see what happens. Like the little bird that comes out of his shell, he sees a new world with more room and opportunities than he had in the shell. I hear some cracking! Is that you coming out? By the way, the red and blue shapes are the same size. Did I hear you say, 'WOW?'