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## OBTAINING COLOUR ON THE VZ300

1.    Background colour - this can be either green or buff (pink), and is changed by entering:

       COLOR, 0 (for green - default color)
or    COLOR, 1 (for buff)

This leaves the foreground colour of graphics characters unchanged.  Note also that only these graphics characters which are to be found on the following keys, (while pressing the shift key: Q, W, E, R, T, Y, U, I, A, S, D, F, G, H, J) may be used to change foreground colours.  Any others will always remain black.

2.    Foreground colour - this can be changed in two ways.

a) Changing the background colour as well:
     enter -    COLOR I, J
     where I is the foreground colour from 1 to 8 (list of colour codes below) and J is the background colour as above.

b) Changing only the foregound colour:
     enter -    COLOR I
     where I ranges from 1 to 8 as in a).

Note:  In both a) and b), no changes to foreground colour will be noticed unless followed by a print statement.

COLOUR CODE TABLE                    eg:

| Code | Colour       |
|------|--------------|
| 1    | Green        |
| 2    | Yellow       |
| 3    | Blue         |
| 4    | Red          |
| 5    | Buff (pink)  |
| 6    | Cyan         |
| 7    | Magenta      |
| 8    | Orange       |

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10     for I = 1 to 8
20     Color I
30     Print '<shift QWE>'
40     Next I
50     Color, 1
60     For I = 1 to 8
70     Color I
80     Print '<shift UIA>'
90     Next I
100    Color 2, 1
110    Print '<shift GHJ>'
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Regards -
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