

**Monique Welker  
Interview Questions  
Color Synesthesia--Grapheme**

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**1. What is your full name?**

**Emma Marie Barlow**

**2. What do you know about Synesthesia already?**

**From research online I know that when a child is in the womb sensory nerves can get crossed and that's what causes it. It's genetic and comes in many forms. I have the most common type.**

**3. How long have you had Synesthesia?**

**As long as I can remember however I didn't realize i was any different from anyone else until last year when I stumbled upon an article on the subject and was amazed that I related with it so much. I took a few online tests and sure enough, I'm a Synesthetic.**

**4. How severe is your synesthesia?**

**It's very mild. It was a lot more intense when I was younger but I've noticed as I've gotten older it's faded quite a bit. I can only hope it doesn't go away when I'm older.**

**5. What type of synesthesia do you have?**

**I believe it's called Grapheme-color synesthesia.**

**6. What does your synesthesia do to you?**

**Every number, letter, day if the week has a color and personality. When I read all characters have a vague shadow color. When names are spoken depending on how they're said they also have a color that appears. For instance high pitched names have a lighter color while lower pitches have deeper richer colors.**

**7. How many siblings do you have?**

**3 - 2 sisters 1 brother**

**8. Do any of them have any form of Synesthesia?**

**No. None of them have shown any signs of synesthesia.**

**9. What about your parents? Do they have Synesthesia? If so what type?**

**My mom does. I guess it's more common in women. I often wonder if it has something to do with the fact that girls tend to be more right brained. I'm not sure what my mom's is called but when she hears music she sees colors and shapes in front of her face. She can't listen to loud music when she drives because of this. Sometimes when showing her a classical piece of music she'll comment "Ah, that one is really pretty"**

**10. Do your grandparents have synesthesia?**

**Not that I know of. I haven't thought to ask them.**

**11. What are some of the challenges that come with Grapheme Synesthesia?**

**I tend to like people more if I enjoy the color of their name. That's really it. I think it made learning to read easier because I could associate a color with every sound.**

**12. What happens when you are reading on colored paper?**

**The colors blur into the background more and seem as vibrant. It can sometimes be hard especially if the paper is neon because then characters can become muddled and overlap slightly.**

**13. What about just listening to music? Do you see colors?**

**Would you elaborate?**

**I don't. However my mom does.**

**14. What kind of problems do you run into having Grapheme Synesthesia?**

**I don't think there's anything else that I didn't mention in question 12 :)**

**15. Are there any benefits to having Grapheme?**

**I think of it like a superpower. It's something that makes me unique and I cherish that with all my heart.**

**16. Do you have any unusual side effects that are caused by Grapheme?**

**I don't believe so. Sometimes math can. Can be harder because with me some number's personalities don't get along. For example, 4 is purple and is a kind grandma lady that wears a large gardening hat while 7 is orange and a sporty jerk. They don't get along because 7 is rude and selfish. 11 is green and their mediator but he's really shy and doesn't like to engage in loud conflict.**

**17. Academically, how does this effect you at school?**

**It makes reading more fun and math more challenging.**

**18. Is there anything else you would like to add or explain?**

**Nope! These are quest questions! If you need me to clarify Anything let me know.**