

What to do today

IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.

1. Read Hamilton Group Reader *Purple is Best*

- This is a non-fiction (information) text and tells us about how people have used dyes to colour their clothes for many centuries.

2. Prepositions

- [Watch the PowerPoint presentation on prepositions](#) OR [read](#) the learning reminders about prepositions (**keep these to help you with tomorrow's work**).
- On the 'Purple is Best' extracts sheet [underline](#) the prepositions. (Tip: use the list of prepositions on the first learning reminder card to help you).
- [Write](#) five sentences of your own about *Purple is Best* using prepositions. Can you use each type (time, place, cause) at least once?

[Now work with a grown-up to check the answers.](#)

Discuss any answers which you didn't quite get. Can you see what went wrong?

Try the Fun-Time Extras

- Explore prepositions on BBC Bitesize
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zw38srd>

Learning Reminder Prepositions

Prepositions

A **phrase** is a group of words which adds meaning to a sentence.

Prepositions can join these **phrases** to a sentence.

Prepositions can express time, cause and place.

Prepositions often join **nouns** or **noun phrases** to a sentence.



The dye is extracted **from** the leaves.

It changes colour **during** the process.

Indigo was popular **for** its intensity.

time

before
after
at
until
since
in
during

cause

because of
due to
from
for

place

above
across
behind
inside
up
down
round
underneath
with

Prepositions

Prepositions help us express **time**, place and cause.

Madder plants were used **for** 4000 years.

Madder plants were used **in** the dye-making process.

Madder plants were used **until** Medieval times.

Try adding your own prepositional phrase to express **time**.

When?



Prepositions
while, since,
before, during,
after, at, on, during

Prepositions

Prepositions help us express time, **place** and cause.

The dye is produced **from** the roots.

The dye is produced **in** a vat.

The dye is produced **below** the ground.

Where?



Prepositions
above, below,
inside, outside, on,
in, between

Prepositions

Prepositions help us express time, place and **cause**.

Woad was used **for** its deep blue dye.

Woad was used **due to** its easy cultivation.

Woad was used **because of** the range of shades it creates.

Try adding your own prepositional phrase to express **cause**.

Why?



Prepositions
because of, due to,
from, for

Purple is Best: extracts

Underline the prepositions in these sentences.

(Tip: use the list of prepositions on the learning reminder cards to help you)

1. A group of plants called Indigofera were used across Asia.
2. The blue dye has to be extracted from the plant leaves.
3. The leaves must be picked in the first year.
4. Due to their similar results, it is not always easy to say whether indigo or woad were used.
5. You need to reduce the wood and soak it, for the right colour.
6. Imperial Purple was an immensely valuable dye in the ancient world.
7. Imperial Purple was obtained from a small shellfish.
8. The colour gets deeper and more colourful after a long time.



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(place)
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(time)