

# 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.

When?



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

Try adding your own prepositional phrase to express time.

## 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

Try adding your own prepositional phrase to express place.

## 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.

Why?



**Prepositions**  
because of, due to,  
from, for

Try adding your own prepositional phrase to express cause.

## 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)