

Let's Spell Purple

Teaching Ideas and Answers

1. Name and discuss the food shown in the video. Does it grow on a tree or a bush or a vine? How does it taste? Can it be cooked or eaten raw? Encourage your kids to use complete sentences to describe what they know about these foods. Here are the foods in the video.
 - Grape jelly
 - Jello
 - Eggplant
2. Name and discuss other foods that are purple. Does it grow on a tree or a bush or a vine? How does it taste? Can it be cooked or eaten raw? Encourage your kids to use complete sentences to describe what they know about these foods. Here are a few:
 - Grapes
 - Plums
 - Turnips
 - Onions
 - Red cabbage
 - Grape juice
 - Raisins
 - Beets
3. Read the lyric sheet aloud while the kids follow along as they look at the pictures. Let the kids finish some or all of the lyrics. For instance, "My best friend is my _____, and my doggie's name is _____. And I've got a little brother named _____. And Jimmy is only _____." This is a fun exercise to help the kids learn and recognize new words.
4. The chorus of the song was designed to be memorable and predictable. This makes it easier for the kids to sing the most important part of the song. "P U R P L E that spells purple spell along with me." The word purple appears several times in the song giving the kids ample opportunities to sing along and learn along.
5. Give your kids a simple quiz about the story.
 - Q: What is the little brother's name? A: Jimmy
 - Q: What is the dog's name? A: Blue
 - Q: Name the favorite clothes. A: Shirt, pants, socks and shoes
 - Q: Name the favorite foods. A: Purple jelly and purple jello
 - Q: What did Jimmy do to the dog? A: Painted him blue

6. While listening to the song, have the kids try to identify some of the instruments in the music. Here they are:
 - Tuba
 - Violin
 - Clarinet
 - Banjo
 - Guitar
7. I included the MP3 song file to give you a little more flexibility over how you use the music. Sometimes you may just want to play the song as background music during playtime. Or maybe as an organized group activity like the ones described above. So feel free to use it on whatever device you prefer. Load it on to your iPhone or burn it on to a cd.
8. The lyric sheet is an editable word document. Please use it in any way you think will be helpful to your kids. Change the font size or type, change the page orientation. Print out individual phrases and have the kids draw a picture that corresponds to the phrase. Print out the whole thing and help your kids find popcorn words. There are quite a few in the song; see, you, that, me, with, my, now, up, he, do, of, can, a, what, or, had, is, got, the, to, she, that, have, and, all, but, to and one.
9. I'm sure you will come up with other very creative ways to use the contents of this program. If you do and you feel like sharing, drop me a note at mike@rockrhythmandrhyme.com and I'll include your ideas (and give you credit for them) on the Rock Rhythm and Rhyme website.



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