

Grandpa Dropped His Glasses

What do you think happened when grandfather wore purple-coloured glasses?

Grandpa dropped his glasses once
In a pot of **dye**,
And when he put them on again
He saw a purple sky.
Purple fires were rising up
From a purple hill,
Men were **grinding** purple **cider**
At a purple mill.
Purple Adeline was playing
With a purple doll.
Little purple dragonflies
Were **crawling** up the wall,
And at the supper-table
He got **crazy** as a loon,
From eating purple **apple dumplings**
With a purple spoon.

—Leroy F Jackson



Leroy F Jackson : He was born on July 15, 1881, in London. He used to teach at the State College of Washington in Pullman. He later served in Army educational corps. His famous works include **The Real Mother Goose Library**, **Peter Patter Book** and many others.

apple dumplings : a dish made from apples **cider** : a drink made from the juice of apples **crawling** : moving forward on hands and knees with body close to the ground **crazy** : not sensible **dye** : a material that is used to change the colour of something **grinding** : changing something into powder by rubbing it between two hard things



Exercise

A little more of the poem:

1. Where did Grandpa drop his glasses? What did he first see when he put them on?
2. Who do you think, is Adeline?
3. What was Adeline playing with? [Tick (✓) the correct answer.]
 (a) a purple ball (b) a purple doll (c) a purple baby
4. During what part of the day do you think, Grandpa dropped his glasses?
 (a) morning (b) evening (c) night (d) afternoon
 (Support your answer with a reason.)

5. Read these sentences that tell us what happened when Grandpa wore his purple-coloured glasses. But the sentences are not correct. Rewrite the sentences correctly.

- (a) Purple fires were rising up at the purple mill. *from*
- (b) Purple Adeline was playing with a purple spoon. *doll.*
- (c) Men were grinding purple cider with a purple doll. *mill.*

6. Give the natural colours of : sky, hills, dragonflies and fire.
7. Imagine, Grandpa dropped his glasses in a pot of red dye. Colour the given picture, to show how he would have seen it.

