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Helpful Hints for Reading at Home

The graphemes (written letters) and phonemes (units of sound) used throughout this series are aligned with Letters and Sounds. This offers a consistent approach to learning whether reading at home or in the classroom.

HERE ARE SOME COMMON WORDS THAT YOUR CHILD MIGHT FIND TRICKY:

water	where	would	know	thought	through	couldn't
laughed	eyes	once	we're	school	can't	our

TOP TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ:

- Encourage your child to read aloud as well as silently to themselves.
- Allow your child time to absorb the text and make comments.
- Ask simple questions about the text to assess understanding.
- Encourage your child to clarify the meaning of new vocabulary.

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Chapter One

Building Bonfires



"Bonfire builders coming through! Watch out, Parina!" Holi, the festival of colours, had arrived. People were dashing here and there, getting things ready.

"I'm so bored, Dad. What can I do to help?" said Parina.

"You're too small to carry all this wood," said Dad. "Maybe your mother needs some help?"

"Fine, I'll go help her," Parina grumbled.

Parina's mother didn't need any help.

"We've got everything under control. Why don't you go outside and get some colourful gulal? Or go on an adventure with your friends? Then you can come back and play Holi later," said Mum.

"I don't have any friends..." Parina whispered as she headed back outside.



Chapter Two

The Purple Compass

Parina went to the market to buy gulal. Gulal is the colourful powder that everybody throws around during Holi.

"Hi Rohan, can I have some gulal, please?" said Parina.

"Of course, what colours would you like?" said Rohan.

"Can I have one of every colour, please?" said Parina.

Parina wished that she had a friend. She wanted to play, dance and sing during Holi with a friend. She was bored of being alone.



"Here you go," said Rohan.

Parina was ready to go home and sulk in her bedroom, when she saw something on the ground.

"What's this envelope doing here?" she wondered.

"I saw some of those earlier," said Rohan.

"Open it up!"



To all the fearless explorers
out there,

Are you looking for the adventure
of a lifetime? Do you want to play
games? Do you love the colour purple?
If the answer is yes, then the Purple
Palace is the place for you!

I am looking for new friends to join
me on an adventure. You must be
bold, happy and ready to have fun.

To find the Purple Palace you must walk east until you spot purple trees and flowers. Follow them until you get to the Purple Palace.

I look forward to getting visitors at the Purple Palace.

The Purple Giant

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"It's an invitation to the Purple Palace!" said Parina.

"The Purple Palace? I thought that was all a legend," said Rohan.

"It's real and the Purple Giant is real too. They're looking for a friend to go on an adventure with," gasped Parina, full of excitement. "This letter says that I need to walk east to find purple trees and flowers. Which way is east, Rohan?"



"Here, I've got this purple compass you can borrow. You can use it to find out which way is east," said Rohan.

"I will! Thank you so much, Rohan," said Parina.

"Be safe!" he said.



Chapter Three

The Journey East

Parina bought snacks from the market and set off to search for the purple trees and flowers. "Rohan said I can use the compass to find east," she said as she tried to read the compass. "Is it this way? No... it looks like... east is... that way!"



Looking at the compass, Parina began to head east. The streets were busy and full of life – cars were zooming down the roads and people were dashing around and building bonfires for the Holi celebrations.

“I wonder if the Purple Giant celebrates Holi,” Parina thought. “Are they really purple? And how tall are they?” She had many questions and couldn’t wait for them to be answered.





Parina was walking along when she saw a sad little boy.

"What's wrong?" she asked the boy.

"I've lost my toy!" he cried. "I can't find it anywhere."

"I'll help you find it," said Parina.

"What does it look like?"

"It's a purple elephant," he said, holding back tears. "And it's my favourite toy in the world!"

"Wow, more purple," Parina thought. She looked around the street carefully.

“There it is!” Parina yelled. The toy was underneath a parked car. “I’ll get it for you.” The little boy’s face lit up with happiness when Parina handed him the toy. “Thank you so much!” said the boy.



Parina was very happy and felt warm on the inside – she had made a new friend! She checked the compass to make sure she was still going east, and carried on walking down the street. Suddenly, she froze. She saw purple flowers!



She dashed towards the flowers – could she be close to the Purple Palace? She rounded the corner and gasped. She found the purple trees! They went all the way down the road as far as Parina could see.

“I’m nearly there!” said Parina. She was more determined than ever and marched down the road.



Chapter Four

Everything Purple

Parina followed the purple trees down the busy road to a forest. In the forest, she came to a glade. Parina froze. There in the middle of the glade was the Purple Palace. It was beautiful. The tall purple pillars towered over her. There were smooth, onion-shaped domes with pointed tips that rose towards the clouds. There were many little turrets with tiny windows. Parina wondered what was inside and she couldn't wait to find out.



She took careful steps towards the big front door. There was a large, ornate knocker. Parina knocked once and waited for the Purple Giant to answer.



“Hello?” said a quiet voice from behind the door.

“Hello! Is that the Purple Giant?” Parina jumped for joy. The door to the Purple Palace opened slowly.

“Wh-what? Who are you?” said the voice.

“My name is Parina. I found your letter at the market. I’m ready for an adventure! I’m bold and I’m happy most of the time.”

“Oh, I put those letters out a long time ago. I didn’t get any visitors so I thought nobody cared...” said the voice.

“I care! I’m looking for a friend too. Please may I come in?” said Parina.

“OK then...”







"Come in, come in, quick, before anybody sees you," said the Purple Giant, hiding their face behind their scarf. They looked worried to have Parina in their home. "I wasn't expecting any visitors."

"Well, you've got a visitor now, and I'm ready for an adventure," said Parina, stepping inside. "That's the problem. You see, there wasn't an adventure," the Purple Giant said, with a nervous laugh.

"But I thought..."

"I wrote those letters because I wanted somebody to visit me," they said.

"I thought that if I made it sound really fun, somebody would turn up. It gets awfully lonely in here, and I don't have any friends of my own."



Chapter Five

Fun and Games

The Purple Giant looked miserable. "I'm sorry to disappoint you," they said. "You don't have to stay if you don't want to."

"I'm not disappointed, in fact, I understand because I get lonely too. But now I'm here, we can do all sorts of fun things," said Parina with a smile. "Do you have a ball? One of my favourite games is throwing and catching."



Parina and the Purple Giant tried to play catch.
It didn't go very well...



"I can't catch the ball if you throw it so far!"
Parina yelled.

"I'm sorry! I can't help it!" said the Purple
Giant. "This is going wrong."

"It's OK. Let's play something else," Parina
replied.

"How about tug of war? Do you have a rope?" Parina asked.

"Nope," the Purple Giant replied.

"We could use your scarf. Mine's not long enough," said Parina.

The Purple Giant's scarf was the perfect length. Parina held one end of the scarf and the Purple Giant held the other.

"Three... two... one... PULL!" Parina yelled. They both pulled the scarf for a few seconds until...

... BAM! Parina landed on her bum.

"Are you OK? I'm so sorry," said the Purple Giant, rushing over to help Parina up. "I don't know my own strength!"

"Let's play something else," Parina grumbled.



“Ready, steady, GO!”

The two had decided to race. They didn’t need any toys or equipment, so they thought it would be a fair race. But when they started running, the Purple Giant sped across the room before Parina could take two steps.

“We should’ve known you’d be faster than me. Your leg is almost as tall as I am,” Parina sighed.



Chapter Six

The Idea



"There's nothing we can do together – I'm too big," the Purple Giant sighed.

"We need to find something else to do. Let's go for a walk outside," said Parina.

"Oh no, I can't go outside," said the Purple Giant. "I don't want anybody to see me – I'm too purple!"

Parina suddenly had an idea.

“You can come and celebrate Holi with me!”
said Parina, jumping to her feet. “We throw
gulal at each other. It comes in lots of different
colours. You’ll be covered in it so nobody will
be able to see that you’re purple.”



“I don’t know, I’m still pretty tall...” said the Purple Giant. “I’ll be head and shoulders above everybody else.”

Parina started opening the packets of gulal and gently threw some of it on the Purple Giant.

“Everybody will be too busy having fun to notice you,” she said, as she covered the Purple Giant in all the colours of the rainbow.



Chapter Seven

Holi

As soon as Parina and the Purple Giant stepped out of the forest, they were met with clouds of colour. The playing had started! The streets were full of laughter as people threw gulal into the air and at each other.

"I've never seen so many people before," the Purple Giant whispered to Parina.

"It's the best," laughed Parina. "Come on, let's go back to my street."

Parina took the Purple Giant's hand and together they ran down the street lined with purple trees. They ducked and dodged the colours in the air, but they couldn't avoid it all. It wasn't long before Parina was just as colourful as the Purple Giant.



"There you are," said Parina's mum. "I see you got the gulal I asked for."

"Sorry it's late," said Parina, handing over the gulal. "Bye mum, I'm off to play!"

"Wait! Who's your friend?" Mum called after Parina, but they were already running off.



"Phew! That was close," said Parina.

"Who's your friend?" said a voice. They turned to see Rohan.

"Rohan! This is my friend Indigo," said Parina.

"Nice to meet you, Indigo," said Rohan with a smile. "You're quite tall, aren't you?"

"Here's the purple compass that you let me borrow," said Parina, handing the purple compass back. "Thanks a lot, it was really helpful!"



"Does Rohan know who I am?" the Purple Giant asked. "Maybe I should go back to the Purple Palace."

"Don't go home!" said Parina. "Stay for a little longer. You haven't thrown any gulal yet!" Parina picked up a pot of gulal and gave it to the Purple Giant.



"I quite like the name Indigo, you know," said the Purple Giant. "Maybe I'll make that my name from now on."

"I'm sorry, I made that up on the spot," Parina said. "But I'm glad you like it!"

Parina and Indigo danced and enjoyed Holi together. They were both happy to have found a new friend.



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1. What is Holi the festival of?
2. What did Rohan let Parina borrow?
 - (a) A red belt
 - (b) A purple compass
 - (c) A pink balloon
3. What did the little boy lose?
4. Why did the Purple Giant write the letter?
5. Why did Parina call the Purple Giant by a new name?
Would you have done the same?

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