

Fashion Police

Review Key Words

- codes** Codes are systems of laws or sets of rules.
- arrested** Arrested means caught and held for breaking the law.
- fabrics** Fabrics are kinds of cloth used to make clothes, curtains, and other goods.
- nobles** In countries with royalty, nobles are people with power or important titles.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

7 A store owner is walking down the
12 street. Suddenly, he's **arrested**. What's
17 his crime? He's wearing purple.

22 Such a **situation** might have
27 happened in 16th-century England.
34 Laws there said how people could dress,
41 right down to the buttons! All people
47 could wear wool. All could wear
53 brown. Few could wear silk. Even
59 fewer could wear purple. People who
66 didn't follow dress **codes** could be fined
or arrested.

74 What was the **purpose** of these
80 laws? England's **rulers** wrote them to
86 help guard **industry** and wealth. Many
fine **fabrics** came only from faraway

92 lands. Dress codes pushed people to
98 buy fabrics made in England. They also
105 stopped **common people** from buying
110 things they couldn't afford. They helped
116 guard the **nobles' status** too. Rulers
122 didn't think common people should
127 dress better than nobles. And no one
134 should dress like one of the king's
141 family!

142 Dress codes were important for a
148 time. But they were hard to **enforce**.
155 Over time, such laws died out. Purple-
162 lovers in England can rest easy—it is
170 now **legal** to wear the color!
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	day 1	day 2	day 3	day 4
words read in 1 minute				
– number of mistakes				
= total words read correctly				
adult initials				

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Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. Many years ago, fine fabrics did not come from England.
 - b. Many years ago, a man was arrested for wearing purple in England.
 - c. Many years ago, England had laws that said how people could dress.
2. Which of the following could anyone wear?
 - a. brown wool
 - b. purple wool
 - c. purple silk
3. What does the word **rulers** mean in this story?
 - a. laws people follow
 - b. people with power
 - c. measuring sticks
4. Who could be fined in 16th-century England?
 - a. nobles wearing brown
 - b. a store owner wearing purple
 - c. common people wearing wool
5. Why did England's dress codes die out?

6. A synonym is a word that has the same meaning as another word. Match each word with its synonym.

1. fined	a. ___ riches
2. guard	b. ___ charged
3. wealth	c. ___ reason
4. purpose	d. ___ protect

Parent Tips

1. Have the student read the ENTIRE story to himself & answer the questions.
2. Time the student while he reads aloud for exactly 1 minute. Do not help fix mistakes.
3. If the student is stuck on a word for 2 seconds, say the word & count it as a mistake.
4. Record the number of words read and the number of errors. Subtract: words read – errors = total words read correctly.
5. Now, help fix mistakes.
6. You may wish to read the story out loud as a model for fluent reading.
7. Repeat the steps on other days.