

Idioms associated with the
color purple

Born in the purple

Born into royalty. Purple is a color traditionally associated with royalty.

Did you see pictures of the latest addition to the royal family? What a sweet little princess born to the purple!

(Видели ли вы фотографии последнего пополнения в королевской семье ? Какая маленькая принцесса родилась в королевской семье!)



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- In ancient times, purple garments were worn only by royal and imperial families because of the rarity and costliness of the dye. *Born in the purple* may have specific reference to the fact that Byzantine empresses gave birth in a room in the palace at Constantinople whose walls were lined with the purple stone porphyry.

Have a purple patch

To experience much success or good luck. Primarily heard in UK.

After falling behind early, the team had a purple patch and scored three quick goals to tie the game.

После раннего отставания, команда испытала большой успех и она забила три быстрых гола, чтобы сравнять счет в игре.



Have a purple patch



- This term is a translation of Latin *purpureus pannus*, and comes from the Roman poet Horace's *Ars Poetica*: 'Works of serious purpose and grand promises often have a purple patch or two stitched on, to shine far and wide'

Insert the missing idiom

The man wanted to impress the girl and said he was the son of a famous rich man and _____.

Guy _____ and was able to cheat on a physics test.