

Song Lyric Challenge

Look at the words of the song and challenge yourself to answer the questions.

Mary Poppins –
A Spoonful of
Sugar



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In ev'ry job that must be done there is an element of fun
You find the fun and snap! The job's a game
And ev'ry task you undertake becomes a piece of cake
A lark! A spree! It's very clear to see that

A Spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down

The medicine go down-wown. The medicine go down

Just a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down in a most delightful way

A robin feathering his nest has very little time to rest
While gathering his bits of twine and twig
Though quite intent in his pursuit
He has a merry tune to toot
He knows a song will move the job along - for

Chorus

The honey bee that fetch the nectar
From the flowers to the comb
Never tire of ever buzzing to and fro
Because they take a little nip
From ev'ry flower that they sip
And hence (And hence),
They find (They find)
Their task is not a grind.

Chorus



Comprehension Challenge

Read the whole song first (or you can listen to it by copying this link)

<https://youtu.be/U8VHc49ZdP4>

Verse 1

What evidence is there in this verse that the person singing is cheerful?

Chorus

The composer of this song chose having a spoonful of sugar to show how things might seem better? Why do you think they chose sugar and not some other food?

Verse 2

What do you think feathering a nest might mean?

What does the robin do to make his work appear to go quicker?

Verse 3

What does the honey bee drink in this verse?

Do you manage to 'find the fun' if someone asks you to do a job? Is this always easy to do?

Thinking

'A Spoonful Of Sugar' is a song from the famous Walt Disney film Mary Poppins. The music was composed by two brothers, Richard and Robert Sherman.

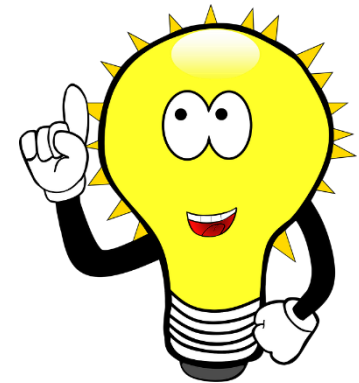
'The Eyes of Love' was the song's original name; however, the actress Julie Andrews, who played the role of Mary Poppins in the film, did not like the words.

Walt Disney told the Sherman Brothers to think of something better.

Robert Sherman got the idea for the new words after finding out that his children had just had some medicine which a nurse had put on a cube of sugar to make it taste nicer. That gave him the idea for 'A Spoonful of Sugar Helps the Medicine Go Down'.

Can you think of two other titles for the song?

Now try the extra challenge.....





CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

The Bible says that we should do everything without grumbling and complaining [Philippians 2:14](#) .

Do you ever complain about anything? Maybe you don't like working hard? Maybe you don't like a certain kind of food? Maybe you complain about having to clean your room or make your bed?

In [Proverbs 17:22](#) the Bible tells us that a happy heart is good for us, like an effective medicine. When we are positive and have a good attitude we are becoming the sort of people God wants us to be.

Make a list of three jobs that you don't like doing.

Now, next to each item on the list, write down what you could do to make sure that you do the job with a happy heart. It might be to smile, sing or dance while you are doing it.