

Hot Food

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- 1 We sit down to eat
and the potato's a bit hot
so I only put a little bit on my fork
and I blow
- 5 whooph whooph
until it's cool
just cool
then into the mouth
nice.
- 10 and there's my brother
he's doing the same
whooph whooph
into the mouth
nice.
- 15 there's my mum
she's doing the same
whooph whooph
into the mouth
nice.
- 20 But my dad.
My dad.
What does he do?
He stuffs a great big chunk of potato
into his mouth
- 25 Then
that really does it.
His eyes pop out
he flaps his hands
he blows, he puffs, he yells
- 30 he bobs his head up and down
he spits bits of potato
all over his plate
and he turns to us and he says,
"Watch out everybody –
- 35 the potato's very hot."

Challenge 2

1 Which meal do you think the family is eating?

Explain why you think it is that meal.

2 How do you think the narrator knows what to do when the potato is too hot?

3 Why do you think the poet repeats the line "whooph whooph"?

4 "He bobs his head up and down." Suggest a different word the writer could have used.

5 What do you think the narrator said to Dad after he said "Watch out everybody – the potato's very hot" (verse 2)?

6 "But my dad.

My dad.

What does he do?" (verse 2)

Why do you think the narrator chooses to use a question here?

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1 mark

2d

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Write the question number and then answer the questions:

Answers: