

# 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 3

- 1 Which meal do you think the family is eating?

Explain why you think it is that meal.

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

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

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

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

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- 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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- 7 Tick **true** or **false** in the following table to show what you should do when eating hot food.

	True	False
Stuff a great big chunk in your mouth.		
Blow gently.		
Spit bits of potato everywhere.		
Put a little bit on your fork.		

- 8 Why do you think the poet has written this poem in the present tense (e.g. "We sit down to eat" instead of "We sat down to eat")?

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- 9 This poem has two main parts: lines 1–19 and then lines 20 to the end. A summary sentence has been written for the first part. Write a summary sentence for the second part.

Lines 1–19: *The potato is hot so most of the family take a little bit on their fork and blow on it before eating it and enjoying it.*

Lines 20–the end:

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2d

1 mark

2d

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2g

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2a

1 mark

2e

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2f

1 mark

2d

1 mark

2f

1 mark

2c

2 marks

Write the question number and then answer the questions:

**Answers:**