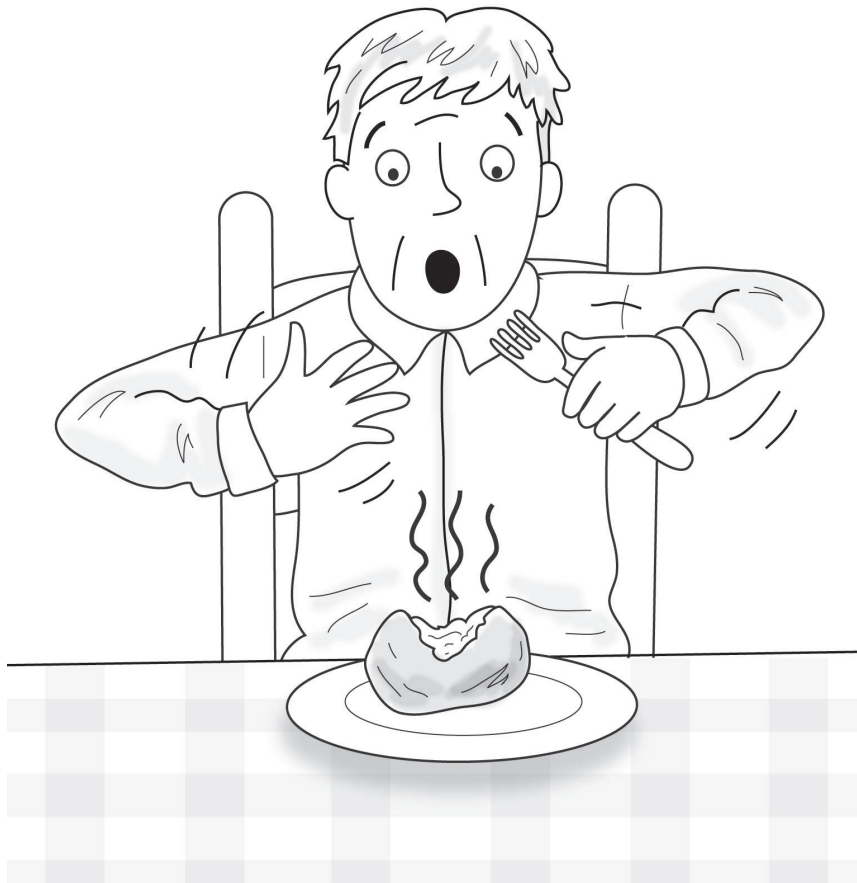


Hot Food

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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."



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1 Which meal do you think the family is eating?

Explain why you think it is that meal.

2d

1 mark

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

2d

1 mark

3 Why do you think the poet repeats the line “*whooph whooph*”?

2g

1 mark

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

2a

1 mark

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

2e

1 mark

6 “*But my dad.*

My dad.

What does he do?” (verse 2)

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

2f

1 mark

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.		

2d

1 mark

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*”)?

2f

1 mark

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:

2c

2 marks