

Tuesday

A Spoonful of Sugar

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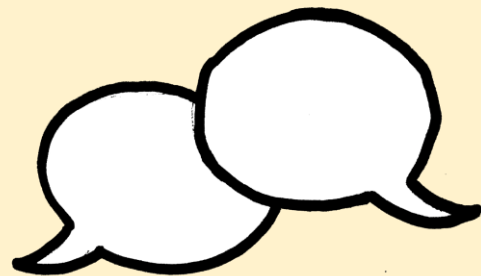
Read the song lyrics. See if you can read them again and this time do some 'speedy reading'.

Today we will be practicing our retrieval skills. Answer the questions on the next page. Make sure you find the answer in the text!

Retrieval

- What does the singer say you can find in every job?
- What does a spoonful of sugar help to go down?
- What does the robin do to make his job easier?
- Which other animal is mentioned in the song?
- What do you notice about the way the poem is written?

Discussion



'becomes a piece of cake'

What does the above phrase mean?

Have you ever heard it used before?

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Vocabulary Check

Here are some interesting words used in the lyrics.

See if you can find out what the words underlined mean.

- And every task you undertake
- A lark! A spree!
- Though quite intent in his pursuit
- Their task is not a grind.

Discussion



Explain what is meant when the singer tells us that *‘a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down.’*

Learning Task



Explain what is meant when the singer tells us that *‘a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down.’*

Does this idea only apply to masking the taste of medicine or can it be used for other things?

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Individual Thinking

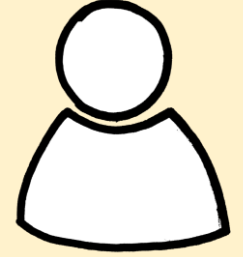


The title of this song is an example of a proverb, a short, well-known saying which offers advice.

Do you think the advice the song gives us is positive or negative?

Explain your answer fully.

Partner Work



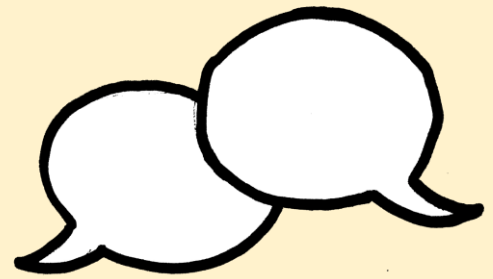
Other well known proverbs and their definitions:

Absence makes the heart grow fonder: When people we love are not with us, we love them even more.

A journey of thousand miles begins with a single step: However big a task is, it starts with a small step.

Don't judge a book by its cover: You can't tell anything about the contents of a book by looking at it, just like you can't form an opinion about someone (or something) from their appearance.

Learning Task



Do you agree that finding a pleasant element of a boring task can make it fun?

Why / why not?