

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Julie Andrews, Dick Van Dyke – Mary Poppins

It's supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
Even though the sound of it
Is something quite atrocious
If you say it loud enough
You'll always sound precocious
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Um-dittle-ittl-um-dittle-I
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Because I was afraid to speak
When I was just a lad
My father gave me nose a tweak
And told me I was bad
But then one day I learned a word
That saved me aching nose
The biggest word you ever heard
And this is how it goes

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He travelled all around the world and everywhere he went
He'd use his word and all would say there goes a clever gent
When dukes of Maharaja pass the time of day with me
I say me special word and then they ask me out to tea

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Questions:

1. What does the word precocious mean? Use a dictionary to define it.
2. Now that you know what precocious means, would it be good for young children to say supercalifragilisticexpialidocious or not?
3. Choose the best fitting word to describe the boy in verse 1 ---- quiet/ confident/ bossy.
How do you know which word to choose? Use an exact quotation from the text to prove it.

4. In verse 1, why is his nose aching?
5. What is a maharaja? Use the internet to help you.
6. Were the dukes impressed by the word or not? How do you know? Use a quotation from the text to prove it.
7. Does Mary Poppins think you should say supercalifragilisticexpialidocious loudly or quietly?