

Mary Poppins

"Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious"

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MARY POPPINS:

Super, calif, ragilistic, expialid, ocious! Oh!

MICHAEL:

That's not a word!

MARY POPPINS:

(speaking) Of course it's a word.

And unless I'm very much mistaken,

I think it's going to prove a rather useful one.

(singing) When trying to express oneself, it's frankly quite absurd

To leaf through lengthy lexicons, to find the perfect word.

A little spontaneity keeps conversation keen

You need to find a way to say precisely what you mean.

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Even though the sound of it is simply quite atrocious

If you say it loud enough, you'll always sound precocious

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Um diddle um diddle um diddle ay

Um diddle um diddle um diddle ay

JANE:

(speaking) But it doesn't mean anything!

MARY POPPINS:

(speaking) It can mean precisely what you want it to!

(singing) When stone-age men were chatting, simply grunting would suffice.

BERT:

Though if they'd heard this word, they might have used it once or twice.

MARY POPPINS:

(speaking) That's right.

MRS. CORRY:

I'm sure Egyptian pharaohs would have grasped it in a jiff.

Then every single pyramid would bear this hieroglyph!

Oh!

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Say it and wild animals would not seem so ferocious

MARY POPPINS:

Add some further flourishes, it's so

MRS. CORRY

Ahhh

MARY POPPINS

Ahhhh

BERT:

Ah-ah-ah-ah.

ALL

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Um diddle um diddle um diddle ay

Um diddle um diddle um diddle ay

Um diddle um diddle um diddle ay

Um diddle um diddle um diddle ay

BERT:

The Druids could have carved it on their mighty monoliths

MRS. CORRY:

The ancient Greeks, I'm certain, could have used it in their myths.

MARY POPPINS:

I'm sure the Roman Empire only entered the abyss

Because those Latin scholars never had a word like this!

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MARY POPPINS:

If you say it softly, the effect can be hypnoticous.

BERT:

Check your breath before you speak, in case it's halitotious

MARY POPPINS:

(speaking) Oh, Bert.

ALL:

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!
Um diddle um diddle um diddle ay
Um diddle um diddle um diddle ay
Um diddle um diddle um diddle ay
Um diddle um diddle um diddle ay!

MARY POPPINS:

Of course, you can say it backwards,
which is suoicodiliaipxecitsiligarfilacrepus.

MICHAEL:

She may be tricky, but she's bloody good!

MARY POPPINS:

So when the cat has got your tongue, there's no need
for dismay.
Just summon up this word and then you've got a lot to
say.

BERT:

Pick out those 18 consonants and 16 vowels as well
And put them in an order, which is very hard to spell,

MARY POPPINS:

S-U-P-E-R

BERT:

R

MARY POPPINS:

C-A-L-I-F

BERT:

F

MARY POPPINS:

R-A-G-I-L

JANE AND MICHAEL:

I-S-T-I-C-E-X-P-I-A-L-I-D-O-C-I-O-U-S!

BERT:

(mutters) Clever clogs,

ALL:

S-U-P-E-R- C-A-L-I-F-R-A-G-I-L-I-S-T-I-C-E-X-P-I-A-L-I-D-O-
C-I-O-U-S!
S-U-P-E-R
C-A-L-I-F
R-A-G-I-L

I-S-T-I-C-E-X-P-I-A-L-I-D-O-C-I-O-U-S!
S-U-P-E-R
C-A-L-I-F
R-A-G-I-L
I-S-T-I-C-E-X-P-I-A-L-I-D-O-C-I-O-U-S!

BERT:
(speaking) Here we go!

ALL:
(Singing) Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!
Even though the sound of it is something quite
atrocious
If you say it loud enough, you'll always sound
precocious
Supercalifragilistic

JANE AND MICHAEL:
Supercalifragilistic

ALL:
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

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