

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Reading comprehension - Sweet Dreams

Read the text and complete the questions below.

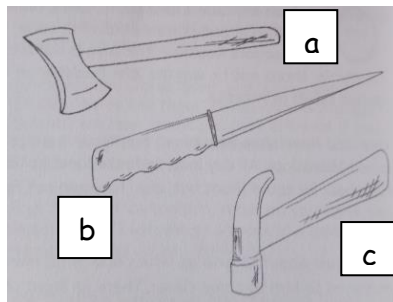
Warm up

1. Look at the title of this text. What does it suggest this piece of writing might be about? \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you were to read this title out loud, how might you say it? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why?

Essential Vocabulary

3. How does the writer picture a baby's cry? \_\_\_\_\_



4. Do you think this is a positive or a negative image? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Find another negative word the writer uses in this paragraph. \_\_\_\_\_

How does this word contrast with the title? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Find two words in paragraph 4 that describe a place a baby might sleep.  
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7. Find the word 'gonna'. Is this word meant to be written or spoken? \_\_\_\_\_

Is it formal or informal? \_\_\_\_\_ If you were to write this word formally,

how would you do it? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Why do you think the words in these lines are repeated in the first and last paragraphs?  
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**Main Questions**

9. When is a lullaby more likely to be sung: in the morning, the afternoon or the evening? \_\_\_\_\_

10. How would you sing a lullaby? Choose from the list below:

quickly	gently	slowly	aggressively
softly	loudly	forcefully	sweetly

11. If you wanted to play a guitar while singing, would it be electric or acoustic?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Which other musical instruments might you play with a lullaby?  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. When do you think he might have written this lullaby? \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) when his children were babies?
- (b) when his children began going to school?
- (c) when his children had grown up?

14. Why do you think he called his lullaby 'Golden Slumbers'?

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15. Who do you think would have the sweetest dreams: the parent or the baby?  
Why?

**Reflection**

16. Why do you think lullabies have survived so long? \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. Do you think the writer is a man or a woman? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why?

18. Who do you think this page is written for: men, women or both? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Do you think the writer has any children of his or her own? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

20. What do you think is most important in a lullaby: the tune or the words? \_\_\_\_\_

Why?