

Coat it with Honey

When parents want their children to take terrible-honey makes the bitter medicine go down easier.

Sometimes words can be coated with honey, too—in other words, sometimes we can say something more “sweetly” in order to take the unpleasantness out of the meaning.

For example, a mother might say, “Take out the trash. NOW!” If she wanted to coat the words with honey, she might say, “Sweetheart, it’s time for you to snuggle up to that bag of garbage. I’m sure you will do it right away, since you know I need this kitchen cleared out.”

If a father is letting his daughter borrow the car, he might say, “Bring it back FULL of gas.” If he wanted to make his words honey-coated, he could say something like this:” I’m just as happy as can be to let you borrow my car, especially because I know what a considerate person you are. I know you wouldn’t THINK of bringing the car back without having the tank full.”

You get the idea. In honor of National Honey Month, try your hand at coating the following statements with honey. Really lay it on. Be sweet!



1. I wouldn't go out with you if you were the last person on earth!
2. No, I don't want any spinach. Spinach makes me throw up.
3. Pease don't make me take algebra. I HATE math.
4. Get over here and help me clean up these dishes.
5. Of course you can't borrow my shirt. Absolutely NOT!
6. You're fired!
7. No, you can't have a pony! Are you crazy?