

**AUDITION SIDE – Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael  
from *Mary Poppins JR.***

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**MARY POPPINS**

A very tidy nursery, I must say. Tidier than I was expecting. Who's responsible for that?

**JANE**

Mrs. Bri—

**MICHAEL**

Me. I am. Like to keep things neat.

**MARY POPPINS**

Do you indeed? Well, I look forward to making use of that. If there's one thing I appreciate, it's a child whose word I can depend on. Now, first things first. I always say the proper place to hang a hat is on a hat stand.

*(MARY POPPINS reaches in her bag and takes out a hat stand. JANE and MICHAEL look inside.)*

**JANE**

There's nothing in it!

**MICHAEL**

We'd better keep an eye on this one. She's tricky.

**JANE**

Mary Poppins, how could you know what we wanted in a nanny... when we made our list?

**MARY POPPINS**

Your "list"? I'm not an item in the weekly shop, thank you very much.

*(MARY POPPINS takes another item, perhaps a plant, out of her bag and places it strategically in the nursery.)*

**JANE**

How did you come then? It was as if the wind just blew you here.

**MARY POPPINS**

It did. Now, stand over there!

*(MARY POPPINS pulls out a measuring tape, holds it against MICHAEL, and reads.)*  
Just as I thought. "A noisy, mischievous, troublesome little boy."

**MICHAEL**

You're making that up!

*(Without a word, MARY POPPINS holds the tape for MICHAEL to read.)*  
"A noisy, mischievous, trouble—"  
*(Stunned, MICHAEL looks at JANE.)*

**MARY POPPINS**

Now you.

*(She holds the tape against JANE and reads.)*

“Thoughtless, short-tempered and untidy.”

**JANE**

I don't believe you. Let me see—

*(JANE looks at the truth-telling tape in disbelief.)*

What about your measurement, Mary Poppins?