



## TONGUE TWISTERS

### **Why Tongue Twisters?**

For voice over professionals AND speakers; clarity and articulation are essential skills. Tongue twisters are an invaluable tool for warming up the vocal muscles, enhancing diction, and improving agility in speech. They help you practice difficult consonant combinations and enhance vocal precision, ensuring a clear and professional delivery.

Regular practice with tongue twisters allows voice talent to articulate words without hesitation, even in fast-paced or complex scripts.

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned professional, these exercises will help sharpen your skills and prepare your voice for various challenges.

Remember though, consistency is key!



**Beginner-friendly phrases to develop basic clarity and confidence:**

1. A proper copper coffee pot.
2. Four fine fresh fish for you.
3. Six sticky skeletons.
4. Lucky rabbits like to cause a ruckus.
5. Red lorry, yellow lorry.
6. Friendly fleas and fireflies fly freely.
7. Toy boat, toy boat, toy boat.
8. Mixed biscuits, mixed biscuits.
9. Freshly fried fresh fish.
10. If two witches watch two watches, which witch would watch which watch?
11. Seven slick, slimy snails slid slowly seaward.
12. A big black bug bit a big black bear.
13. She sees cheese.
14. I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream.
15. A happy hippo hopped and hiccupped.
16. Red leather, yellow leather



**For intermediate students aiming to improve articulation and speech speed:**

1. Fred fed Ted bread and Ted fed Fred bread.
2. Can you can a can as a canner can can a can?
3. We surely shall see the sun shine soon.
4. She sells seashells by the seashore.
5. Betty bought butter, but the butter was bitter, so Betty bought better butter to make the bitter butter better.
6. A skunk sat on a stump and thunk the stump stunk, but the stump thunk the skunk stunk.
7. I thought a thought, but the thought I thought wasn't the thought I thought I thought.
8. Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear. Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair. Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't very fuzzy, was he?
9. Lesser leather never weathered wetter weather better.
10. How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?
11. Which wristwatches are Swiss wristwatches?
12. Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
13. Six slippery snails slid slowly seaward.
14. Nine nice night nurses nursing nicely.
15. Gobbling gargoyles gobbled gobbling grapes.



**Advanced phrases to challenge the dexterity and speed of experienced voice talents/speakers:**

1. The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick.
2. How can a clam cram in a clean cream can?
3. I slit the sheet, the sheet I slit, and on the slitted sheet, I sit.
4. The great Greek grape growers grow great Greek grapes.
5. Three thin thieves thought a thousand thoughts. Now, if three thin thieves thought a thousand thoughts, how many thoughts did each thief think?
6. Six slippery snails slid slowly seaward, one slipped aside, and stayed seaward.
7. The big black bear bit the big black bug, and the big black bug bled black blood.
8. She saw Sherif's shoes on the sofa. But was she so sure those were Sherif's shoes she saw?
9. Fred fed Ted bread and Ted fed Fred bread while ten bears fed Ted bread on Fred's bed.
10. Rory's lawn rake rarely rakes really right.
11. Pad kid poured curd pulled cold.
12. You know New York, you need New York, you know you need unique New York.
13. If a dog chews shoes, whose shoes does he choose?
14. He thrusts his fists against the posts and still insists he sees the ghosts.
15. Crisp crusts crackle and crunch.