

## Tongue Twisters

Try saying these sentences out loud:

1. She sells sea shells on the sea shore.
2. Hasn't Henry given Harry a hint?
3. The big bumbling bear burned his butt baking bread.
4. Thanking the thirsty firefighters, Thelma fried thirty fresh fish.
5. Rowan the sow rower sold Moe a blown mower.
6. The King of Swing's lungs sing.
7. Max's sixth fox takes boxes and boxes of flax.

Which sounds gave you the most difficulty? Chose one of these lists and practice them:

### 1. /s/ & /ʃ/

She sells sea shells by the sea shore.

Mrs. Smith saw Sally selling servings of salad at Saul's Sauce Shop.

Seven snakes sometimes slither sideways towards Gordon's gourd hoards

Stacy's hasty pastries outpaced Laci's wasteful bakery.

If Stu chews shoes, should Stu choose the shoes he chews?

### 2. /h/

Hasn't Henry given Harry a hint?

Hilda Higgins' husband has a happy horse.

Harry Hunt hunts heavy hairy hares.

Happily, eddy helped honest Harriet arrange a Hospital visit for Ernie the hippo.

### 3. /t/ & /b/ & /p/

The big, pretty bear burned his butt baking bread for Paul the pig.

Tubs and tubs of popular bubbly tonic cost double when buying bitcoin.

The bottom of the butter bucket is the buttered bucket bottom.

Bob's pop bakes better batter than Betty Potter takes to Boston market.

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### 4. Th: /ð/ and /θ/

Thanking the thirsty firefighters, Thelma fried thirty fresh fish.

Fred thought Franklin threw five thick freshly thawed fish at Thomas.

Thirty-three thousand people think that Thursday is their thirtieth birthday.

Thirteen mice spiced Mike's rice thrice, Mike's nice niece iced Mike's tongue twice.

### 5. /r/ and /l/

Lesley loves Roger, but Roger doesn't love Lesley. Roger rather likes Lucy.

Rowan the slow rower sold Moe a blown mower.

The rickety ladder rattled right and left before it crashed through the glass.

Erol's arrow errand error declared the quarrel with a hairless sparrow.

### 6. /ŋ/

The King of Swing's lungs sing.

A sparrow sang six spring songs sitting under a shrub.

The ringing, swinging, singing singers sang winning songs.

Do not hang the ring thing next to the wrong thong.

### 7. /ks/ & /ksθ/

Max's sixth fox takes boxes and boxes of flax.

Rex expects cheques for wrecking decks.

Max lacks the best boots, so he asks Rust for husky boots with spikes.

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