



19 HARDEST ENGLISH TONGUE TWISTERS

PRONUNCIATION TRAINING LESSON



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/s/ and /ʃ/ sound practice:

- 1 She sells seashells by the sea shore x3
- 2 She thinks she'll see a seal x3

/r/ and // sound practice:

- 3 Red lorry yellow lorry x3
- 4 Truly rural x3
- 5 Red blood, bad blood x3

/b/, /v/, and /f/ sound practice:

- 6 Veil the bed with the bed valance x3
- 7 The view of the valley is very beautiful x3
- 8 Betty loves the velvet vest best x3
- 9 Seventy-seven benevolent elephants x3



/f/ and /w/ sound practice:

- 10 Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear. Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair. Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't very fuzzy, was he?

/θ/ and /ð/ sound practice:

- 11 The thirty-three thieves thought that they thrilled the throne throughout Thursday.
- 12 Through three cheese trees, three free fleas flew.
While these fleas flew, freezy breeze blew.
Freezy breeze made these three trees freeze.
Freezy trees made these trees' cheese freeze.
That's what made these three free fleas sneeze.

/ʌ/ and /ʊ/ sound practice:

- 13 How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

/ɪ/ and /i:/ sound practice:

- 14 I slit a sheet, a sheet, I slit. Upon a slitted sheet, I sit.

/ɔɪ/ sound practice:

- 15 I slit a sheet, a sheet, I slit. Upon a slitted sheet, I sit.

BONUS TONGUE TWISTERS

/p/ sound practice:

- 16 Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers;
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked;
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,
Where's the peck of pickled peppers
Peter Piper picked?

/b/ sound practice:

- 17 Betty Botter bought some butter;
"But," said she, "this butter's bitter!
If I put it in my batter
It will make my batter bitter.
But a bit o' better butter
Will but make my batter better.
"Then she bought a bit o' butter
Better than the bitter butter,
Made her bitter batter better.
So 'twas better Betty Botter
Bought a bit o' better butter.

/t/ sound practice:

- 18 A tutor who tooted the flute
Tried to teach two young tooters to toot.
Said the two to the tutor,
"Is it harder to toot, or
To tutor two tooters to toot?"

The world's trickiest twister (according to MIT researchers):

- 19 Pad kid poured curd pulled cod.