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**Activity:** The Tongue Twister Challenge

**Materials:** Printed handout at the end of the lesson.

**Grade Range:** 3 - 5

**Time:** 20 Minutes

\*\* Consider using the hand raise/thumbs up feature of your virtual platform to assist with determining who will answer \*\*

**Synopsis:** Students will create tongue twisters to improve their diction. Students will participate in the identification of sounds to assist in their reading development. Students will also refine their listening skills and improve public speaking skills throughout this lesson.

**Instructions:**

1. Listed below are 24 tongue twisters.
2. Share your screen with your students.
3. Read them carefully with the class.
4. Make a note at the end of the twister as to which sound / sounds are being worked on – for example, in number one the letter t.
5. After completing the twisters – Mentors, ask the students to make a list of some sounds that might be missing. For example, L & B.
6. Mentors, ask for volunteers to come up with tongue twisters of their own. Ensure that all twisters have a minimum of seven words in them. This may include words that begin with a vowel a, e, i, o, u. ( Eleven elegant elephants eat eggs earnestly in the evenings.)
7. Encourage the students to put the tongue twisters in the group chat and read them aloud.
8. Have fun with the sounds and the words.

**Pen Pal Prompt:** Did the tongue twister activity draw out the silliness in you? Is it important to have laughter in your life? Why?



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## THE TONGUE TWISTERS CHALLENGE

Two tricky turkeys take twenty tables terribly to the trash.

Kathryn keeps the keys to the Kangaroo Kingdom.

Fine feathers fall freely from fluttering festoons on Fridays.

Thirty thrushes throng in the thoroughfare on Thursdays.

She thought of trusting three thousand thrushes through their thumbs.

Moody, muddy Mondays mean much melancholy.

Summer sun slides silently through sturdy, stately sycamores.

Chester chooses cheese, but Charlie chooses chips.

Sally sang herself to sleep and snored all Saturday for six hours.

Flash Fran flew funky Fred to San Francisco on Friday for free.

Tours to Thailand have grown and are known to those who have flown.

Penelope Price is polite punctual and precise in her pursuits.



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Tap dancing is terrific for tightening tummy tissue.

Vivacious Vera vied vocally with Vincent's Voracious verve.

Take either this or that but neither these or those.

Nine nifty but naughty nieces knew not to misbehave.

The top sock shop stocks shocking pink socks for rockers.

Rioters resolutely refuse to respond to the rally's requests.

With leisure and treasure, you can measure your pleasure.

Charles cherished chewy cheddar chips with chili.

Zebras in zoos think zithers and zodiacs are zany.

Young yokels yell while yawping yobbos yawn.

The mouse in the house roused the dog's louse.

Warm water for washing wasn't to be wasted in Washington's winter.