

TONGUE TWISTERS

TRY THEM!

Nine out of ten people can't say this one twice in rapid succession:

***Sinful Caesar sipped his snifter, seized his knees and sneezed.***

Try to say opera singer Ezio Pinzer's favorite three times quickly:

***Three gray geese in the green grass grazing; Gray were the geese, and green was the grazing.***

Try this one six times without an error:

***Lemon liniment.***

Lord Laurence Olivier supposedly repeated this one before performances:

***"Betty Botter bought a bit of butter.  
'But,' she said, 'this butter's bitter.  
If I put it in my batter, it will make  
my batter bitter, but a bit of better  
butter will make my batter better.' So  
Betty Botter bought a bit of better butter,  
And it made her batter better."***

Several sentences that challenge your pronunciation of "S":

***She sells seashells down by the seashore.  
Sister Susie's sewing shirts for soldiers.  
Slippery sleds slide smoothly down the sluiceway.  
A snifter of snuff is enough snuff for a sniff for the snuff snifter.***

Repeat all three times swiftly and without any errors:

***Truly rural.***

*Sixty-six sick chicks.  
Strange strategic statistics.  
Tie twine to three tree twigs.  
Three new blue beans in a new blown bladder.  
The old cold scold sold a school coal scuttle.  
Six long slim slick slender saplings.  
Does this shop stock short socks with spots?  
A bloke's back brake block broke.  
Preshrunk Shirts.  
Shy Sarah saw six Swiss wrist watches.  
Double bubble gum bubbles double.*

[Here is a Canadian favorite:](#)

*She stood on the balcony, inexplicably mimicking him hiccupping, and amicably welcoming him in.*

[Another good one:](#)

*A skunk stood on a stump. The stump thunk the skunk stunk, but the skunk thunk the thump stunk.*

[This twister, generally regarded as the hardest one of all, will challenge you when spoken once through:](#)

*Theophilus Thistle, the thistle sifter, sifted a sieve of unsifted thistles.  
If Theophilus Thistle, the thistle sifter, sifted a sieve of unsifted thistles, where is the sieve of unsifted thistles Theophilus Thistle, the thistle sifter, sifted?*