

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?***