

Tongue Twister Broken Telephone

Tongue Twister Broken Telephone is a simple speaking relay race where students have to say a tongue twister to their partners. This is a fun warmer or cooler for young learners, teens and even adults.

Aim To practice speaking and listening skills with students.

Level Beginners and above

Method

1. Make teams. Line up each team in a line.
2. Give the first student in a team a tongue twister written on a piece of paper. (See below for some examples)
3. Allow the student time to read and memorize the phrase. They must then return and whisper the phrase into the ear of the next person on their team. Then that student will whisper it in the next student's ear and so on. The last student to hear the tongue twister must say it loudly for the whole class. The team that is both the fastest and closest to the original tongue twister are the winners.

- She sells seashells by the sea shore.
- How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood.
- Rubber Baby Buggy Bumpers.
- How much ground would a groundhog grind if a groundhog could grind ground.
- A big black bug bit a big black bear.
- 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,
- How many pickled peppers did Peter Piper pick.
- Red leather, yellow leather, red leather, yellow leather.

- Silly Sally swiftly shooed seven silly sheep. The seven silly sheep Silly Sally shooed Shilly-shallied south. These sheep shouldn't sleep in a shack; Sheep should sleep in a shed.
- How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood? He would chuck, he would, as much as he could, and chuck as much wood, as a woodchuck would if a woodchuck could chuck wood.
- Two tiny timid toads trying to trot to Tarrytown.
- Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear. Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair. Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy, was he?
- I slit the sheet, the sheet I slit, and on the slitted sheet I sit.
- Three thin thinkers thinking thick thoughtful thoughts.
- I thought, I thought of thinking of thanking you.
- If a dog chews shoes, whose shoes does he choose?
- Nine nimble noblemen nibbling nuts.