

I take it you already know

Of **tough** and **bough** and **cough** and **dough**

Others may **stumble**, but not you

On **hiccough**, **thorough**, laugh, and through.

And **cork** and work and card and **ward**

And **font** and front and word and sword

Well done! And now if you wish, perhaps

To learn of less familiar traps.

Beware of heard, a **dreadful** word

That looks like beard and sounds like bird.

And dead: it's said like bed, not **bead**—

For goodness sakes don't call it **deed**.

Watch out for meat and great and **threat**,

They rhyme with **suite** and straight and debt.

A **moth** is not a moth in mother,

Nor both in **bother**, **broth** in brother.

And here is not a match for there,

And dear and fear for bear and pear.

And then there's **dose** and **rose** and lose—

Just look them up—and **goose** and choose,

And do and go, then **thwart** and **cart**.

Come, come, I've hardly made a start!

A dreadful language? **Man alive!**

I'd mastered it when I was five.

<http://reallifeglobal.com/fun-english-advanced-pronunciation-exercise-test-your-skills/>

FUN WITH HETERONYMS

<http://reallifeglobal.com/fun-english-improve-pronunciation-heteronyms/>

TONGUETWISTERS:

<https://www.engvid.com/english-resource/50-tongue-twisters-improve-pronunciation/>

<http://pun.me/pages/tongue-twisters.php>

Consonant Blends

Two consonants that form a blended sound can be hard for new English speakers. Build up their confidence with these:

She sells seashells by the seashore

I saw a kitten eating chicken in the kitchen

I thought I thought of thinking of thanking you

Slim slam slap

A big black bug snoozed on a big black rug

He threw three free throws

Thin sticks, thick bricks

Fred fed Ted bread and Ted fed Fred bread

L vs. R

Some of your students may have difficulty saying L and R. Asian language speakers often confuse the two letter sounds, so these tongue twisters are perfect practice.

Red lorry, yellow lorry

Truly rural

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream

Rolling red wagons

Red blood, bad blood

B vs. V

Spanish speakers frequently pronounce these two letters the same way, making it very hard to hear the difference. These rhymes will get your students speaking clearer.

Blue blurry vines blind

Betty loves the velvet vest best

Barber baby bubbles and a bumblebee

Burnt base, vicious vase

Vivacious Val vacuumed Violet's very vivid vehicle

Vowels

The correct pronunciation of vowels is essential if your students are going to be fluent in their new language. These tongue twisters will give them plenty of practice with enunciating their vowels.

Eddie edited Earl's easy music

Goopy gopher guts

Excited executioner exercising his excising powers excessively

Annie ate eight Arctic apples

An orange oval spooks the odd operative

An awful aardvark and an aching ape ate an antelope

Bonus Twists

These ones can be a good way to fill a little extra time between classes or simply to break the tension in a classroom. Better yet, ask your students to share tongue twisters in their native

language, too. Nothing is more entertaining than seeing the teacher attempt a funny twist in another language!

Printed papers under pressure make pens prickle

The poor boar pours batter over his putter

Six sticky skeletons

Thunder sunders thick sticks

<http://www.fluentu.com/blog/educator-english/esl-pronunciation-tongue-twisters/>