

Singing Tongue Twisters

Traditional Tongue Twisters

Combine tongue twisters with scales as a vocal warm-up. This is an opportunity for choir members to loosen up their mouths and focus on consonants. Encourage them to over-exaggerate their mouth position so that they are pronouncing each word of the tongue twister correctly.



Options:

Say the tongue twisters together as a group before adding music.
Sing each syllable on a note as part of a ascending or descending chromatic or diatonic scale.



Sing the first three or four syllables of the twister on the first note of a scale, the next set of syllables for the second note of the scale, and so on.

1 Peter Piper

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,
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

2 She Sells Sea Shells

She sells sea shells on the sea shore
The shells that she sells are sea shells I'm sure.
So if she sells sea shells on the sea shore,
I'm sure that the shells are sea shore shells

3 Fresh Fried Fish

Fresh fried fish,
Fish fresh fried,
Fried fish fresh,
Fish fried fresh.

4 One-Liner Tongue Twisters

Red lorry, yellow lorry, Red lorry, yellow lorry Red lorry, yellow lorry...

Good blood, bad blood...

Red leather, yellow leather...

A proper cup of coffee in a copper coffee cup...

Possible Examples:



Useful Link for Tongue Twisters:

<http://edahellocircle.homestead.com/toungewisters.html>