



JOHNNY CAN SEE

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Worksheet 1

Word Play

Tongue twisters

These tongue twisters are a good way to help children with speech impediments, pronunciation problems and articulation difficulty, to practice correctly pronouncing some English words in a fun and playful way. Have fun reciting these nonsensical poems at various speeds and the forward /th/ , /s/, the plosive /p/, /d/, the /w/ and some of the vowel sounds like /ai/, and /u/.

The second tongue twister is my childhood favourite. It often begs the question “What is a woodchuck?” and “How much can he chuck?” You would get a variety of really interesting answers to these questions too.

- 1) 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 un-sifted thistles
Theophilus Thistle, the Thistle Sifter, sifted?
- 2) 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.
- 3) Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
Did Peter Piper pick a peck of pickled peppers?
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,
where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked? Peter
Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
Did Peter Piper pick a peck of pickled peppers?



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If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,
where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

- 4) She sells sea shells by the sea shore.
The shells she sells are surely seashells.
So if she sells shells on the seashore, I'm sure she sells seashore shells.
- 5) If one doctor doctors another doctor, does the doctor
Who doctors the doctor doctor the doctor the way the
Doctor he is doctoring doctors? Or does he doctor
the doctor the way the doctor who doctors doctors?
- 6) You've no need to light a night-light
On a light night like tonight,
For a night-light's light's a slight light,
And tonight's a night that's light.
When a night's light, like tonight's light,
It is really not quite right
To light night-lights with their slight lights
On a light night like tonight.