

# Vocal Warmup tongue twisters

## a collection by David Gordon

*These exercises are more than just fun.  
Always warm up all aspects of your vocal instrument  
including "the lips, the teeth, the tip of the tongue.*

*These first two are my overall favorites.  
They are particularly good for achieving  
a crisp, frontal placement of  
T TH V L N M D S B P K and GN*

**The lips, the teeth, the tip of the tongue,  
the tip of the tongue, the teeth, the lips.**

**A box of biscuits  
A box of mixed biscuits  
And a biscuit mixer**

*Two great twisters for S and SH*

**Should saucy sharks seek shelter soon?**

**The sixth sick shiek's sixth sheep's sick.**

*A great twister for crisp N and M*

**Imagine an imaginary menagerie manager  
imagining managing an imaginary menagerie.**

Barren Beacon Beckons Bacon Baron

Good Blood, Bad Blood, Good Blood, Bad Blood, etc.  
Red Blood, Blue Blood, Red Blood, Blue Blood, etc.

She stood upon the balcony, inimically mimicking him  
hiccapping while amicably welcoming him in.

Any noise annoyes an oyster,  
but an noisy noise annoys an oyster most.

She sits and shines shoes  
And when she sits she shines all day

Rosco the rum runner rubbed out Rudy the rat  
for ruining his rum running receipts.

Round the rugged rocks the ragged rascals ran

"I don't care a whit for your wit or whims," said Warren  
Wharton.

The foreign authorities put Dorothy in an orange forest.

Yes, she is pure, but so is Mrs. Muir. You're just unsure.  
About Socks

Give me the gift of a grip-top sock,  
A clip drape shipshape tip top sock.  
Not your spinslick slapstick slipshod stock,  
But a plastic, elastic grip-top sock.  
None of your fantastic slack swap slop

From a slap dash flash cash haberdash shop.  
Not a knick knack knitlock knockneed knickerbocker sock  
With a mock-shot blob-mottled trick-ticker top clock.  
Not a supersheet seersucker ruck sack sock,  
Not a spot-speckled frog-freckled cheap sheik's sock  
Off a hodge-podge moss-blotched scotch-botched block.  
Nothing slipshod dirp drop flip flop or glip glop  
Tip me to a tip top grip top sock.

Which witch whined when the wine  
was spilled on the wailing whale?

A big black bug bit a big black bear  
and the big black bear bled blood.

Sister Suzy's sewing shirts for soldiers  
Such skill at sewing shirts  
my shy young sister Suzy shows  
Some soldiers send epistles  
Saying they'd sooner sleep on thistles  
Than the short serge shirts for soldiers  
shy young sister Suzy sews.

you know New York  
you need New York  
you know you need unique New York

Bobby Bibby bought a bat  
Bobby Bibby bought a ball  
With his bat Bob banged the ball  
Banged it bump against the wall  
But so boldy Bobby banged it  
That he burst his rubber ball  
Boo! cried Bobby, Bad luck, ball!  
Bad luck, Bobby, Bad Luck ball.  
Now to drown his many troubles  
Bobby Bibby's blowing bubbles.

New York is unique, unique is New York.

This black bug bled blue-black blood  
while the other black bug bled blue.

Better Botter bought some butter  
But she said this butter's bitter  
If I put it in my batter  
It will make my batter bitter  
So she bought some better butter  
Put it in her bitter batter  
And it made her bitter batter better

Many mumbling mice are making merry music  
in the moon light. Mighty nice!

When tweedle beetles battle  
With paddles in a puddle  
They call it a tweedle beetle puddle paddle battle."  
Dr. Seuss