**UMW Speaking Center Presents**



Tongue Twisters Exercise

**OBJECTIVE**

To practice accurate pronunciation and to read aloud conversationally.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Practice reading the sentences listed below. Try to pronounce all words accurately to practice communicating clearly and conversationally.

**TONGUE TWISTERS**

* Three gray geese in the green grass grazing; gray were the geese and the green was the grazing.
* The sun shines on the shop signs (repeat three times).
* The sixth sheik’s sixth sheep’s sick.
* Fanny Finch fried five flounder fish for Francis Fowler’s father.
* A big black bug bit a big black bear and made the big black bear bleed blood.
* She stood at the door on the balcony, inexplicably mimicking him hiccupping, amicably welcoming him in.
* He had sixty-six sick chicks.
* Tie twine to three tree twigs.
* Six long slim slick slender saplings slid slightly southward.
* Truly rural (repeat three times).
* Preshrunk shirts seldom shrink.
* A bloke’s back brake block broke.
* Shy Sarah saw six Swiss wristwatches.
* Does this shop stock short socks with spots?
* Washington’s washwoman washed Washington’s wash while Washington watched Wilson.

From Patricia Comeaux. *Workbook for Public Speaking.* 2nd edition, 1996.