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Fast and furious tongue-twisters

Memorise and then say these with a partner. Look at each other's intake of breath to start together, and aim to sound like one voice as you recite each one OR say them as an soloist using three different voices.

The particularly vexed Vice Chancellor of the
Exchequer missed the extra sitting of the
Westminster fixture.

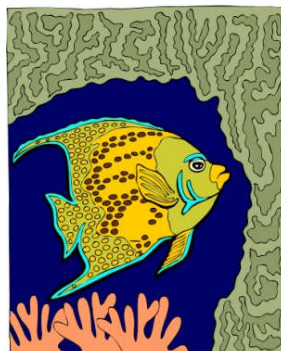


A few flying foxes and a fleet of flitting fireflies flew
softly through the moonlit night.

Note: Take care not to say flying foxes as it will convey an entirely different meaning. ☹



I'm afraid your photographic phosphorescence photo
failed the photographic final, Phillip.



Question and answer poem

In pairs or small groups, perform this question and answer poem. Perhaps you can memorise it! Move your mouth as much as you can to exaggerate each vowel and consonant sound. Speak slowly and deliberately. Take special care with the *ow*, *d*, *n* and *t* sounds.

Look in a mirror to check your mouth movements. ☺

Have you ever? No, I've never.

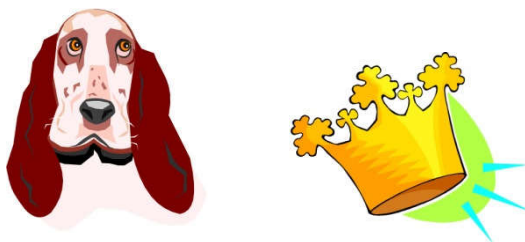
Q Have you ever seen a weasel drive a diesel?

A No, I've never seen a diesel-driving weasel.



Q Have you ever found a brown hound being crowned?

A No, I've never found a newly-crowned brown hound.



Q Have you ever known a grown gnome on the phone?

A No, I've never known a telephoning gnome.

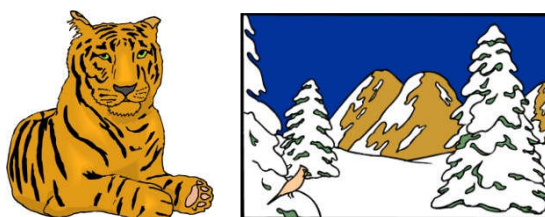


Q Have you ever spied a tiger on the Eiger?

(The Eiger is a mountain in Switzerland.)

A No, I've never spied an Eiger-climbing tiger.

Have you?



Be loud! Be dramatic!

Say these couplets in different dynamics using musical terminology. Work with a partner where one is the dynamic chooser, the other the speaker. Exchange parts for each repetition.

Forte (*fortay*) loud; mezzo forte (*metzo fortay*) moderately loud; piano - soft; mezzo piano - moderately soft, fortissimo - very loud; pianissimo - very soft.

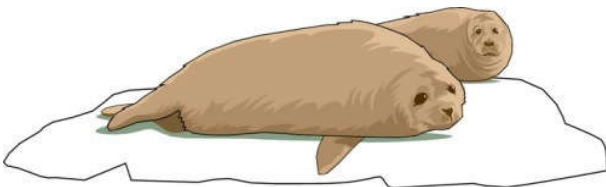
woe toe hoe no
I'm very tired - how far to go?



tower power cower shower
First prize for your champion flower!



show glow blow know
Seals are resting on that floe.



hop heap hope hype
Are these peaches fully ripe?



Tim term time tame
I'll put my painting in this frame.



thrower boa mower blower
That chap called Noah is a very fine
rower!

