

Supplement 1
Proverbs, sayings, tongue twisters

1. Vowel drills

[o:]

- Paul snores worse than a horse,
We close the door when he snores,
There ought to be laws to prevent such snores.
- Better unborn than untaught.

[əu]

- Don't poke your nose in the things you don't know.
- When in Rome, do as the Romans do.
- Ask no questions and you'll be told no lies.

[au]

- Snow came in the night without a sound,
Like a white cloud trembling down to the ground.
- Out of sight, out of mind.

[aɪ]

- A stitch in time saves nine.
- Strike while the iron is hot.

[a:]

He laughs best who laughs last.

[ɔ]

- Honesty is the best policy.
- A little pot is soon hot.
- A watched pot never boils.
- Joy and sorrow are as near as today and tomorrow.

[ʌ]

- When your work is done, come out in the sun, and have some fun.
- Some love onions for lunch or supper,
But when one has stuffed oneself with onions,
One isn't much loved, is one?
- The tongue is not steel, but it cuts.
- What is done, cannot be undone.

[ə:]

- First come, first served.
- An early bird catches the worm.
- As the workman so the work.
- A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

[eɪ]

- He, who makes no mistakes, makes nothing.
- Haste makes waste.

[u:]

- Exceptions prove the rule.
- Too good to be true.

[e]

- Better late than never.
- So many men — so many minds.
- All's well that ends well.

[i:]

Each teacher needs to be free to teach as he pleases.

[æ]

Handsome is as handsome does.

[ɪ]

There is no use crying over spilt milk.

[e] — [æ]

The devil is not so black as he is painted

[i:] — [ɪ]

— A friend in need is a friend indeed.

— Honey is sweet, but the bee stings.

— Eat at pleasure, drink with measure.

— People meet, but mountains never greet.

— Still waters run deep.

[a:] — [ʌ]

— Well begun is half done.

— What the heart thinks, the tongue speaks.

[u:] — [u]

— The proof of the pudding is in the eating.

— Too many cooks spoil the broth.

[u] — [ju:]

— No news — good news.

— A new broom sweeps clean.

[ɔ] — [o:]

— Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

— You can bring the horse to water, but you can't make it drink.

[aɪ] — [eɪ]

— Get a name to rise early and you may lie all day.

— Make hay while the sun shines.

2. Consonant drills

[k]

— Critical cricket critic.

— Can you can a can as a canner can can a can?

[b]

Betty Botter bought a bit of butter,
But the butter Betty bought was bitter,
Betty bought another bit of butter
To make the bitter butter better,
But the butter Betty bought was also bitter.

[w]

Why do you cry, Willy? Why do you cry?
Why, Willy? Why, Willy? Why, Willy, why?

[l]

Lion Leo likes little lemons.

[θ]

I thought a thought, but the thought I thought
Was not the thought I thought I thought.

[r]

Robet ran rings around the Roman ruins.

[p]

If Pickford's packers packed a packet of crisps,
Would the packet of crisps that Pickford's packers packed
Survive for two and half a years?

[tw]

Twelve twins twirled twelve twins.

[sw]

Swan swam over the sea,
Swim, Swan, swim;
Swan swam back again,
Well swum, Swan!

[fl]

A fly and flea flew into a flue,
The fly said to the flea 'What shall we do?'
'Let us fly' said the flea,

Said the fly ‘Shall we flee?’
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

[skr]

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice-cream!

[s] — [ʃ]

She sells sea shells on the sea shore,
The shells she sells are sea-shells, I’m sure,
For if she sells sea-shells on the sea-shore,
Then I’m sure she sells sea-shore shells.

[w], [ð]

Whether the weather is cold,
Or whether the weather is hot,
We’ll be together whatever the weather
Whether we like it or not.

[w], [tʃ] — [ʃ]

Which witch wishes which wicked fishes?

[m] — [n]

If many men knew what many men know,
If many men went where many men go,
If many men did what many men do,
The world would be better, I think so, don’t you?

[θ] — [f]

A thick thimble is for a thick finger,
A thin thimble is for a thin finger,
Thick thimbles for thick fingers,
Thin thimbles for thin fingers,
Thick for the thick, thin for the thin.

[w] — [ʃ]

I wish to wish the wish you wish to wish,
But if you wish the wish the witch wishes,
I won’t wish the wish you wish to wish.

[θ] — [ð]

The thirty-three thieves thought
That they thrilled the throne throughout Thursday.

[k] — [g]

How many cookies could a good cook cook,
If a good cook could cook cookies?
A good cook could cook as much cookies
As a good cook who could cook cookies.

[h] — [g]

How much ground would a groundhog hog,
If a groundhog could hog ground?
A groundhog would hog all the ground he could hog,
If a groundhog could hog ground.

[t] — [tw]

Mr. Tongue Twister tried to train his tongue
To twist and turn, and twit and twat, to learn the letter 'T'.

[d] — [b]

In a double bubble gum bubbles double.

[f] — [l]

Love is a feeling you feel when you feel
You're going to feel the feeling you've never felt before.

3. Vowel and consonant drills

- Bow-wow, says the dog;
Mew, mew, says the cat;
Grunt, grunt, goes the hog;
And squeak, goes the rat;
Tu-wu, says the owl;
Caw, caw, says the crow;
Quacks quack, says the duck;
And moo, says the cow.

- Spades for digging, pens for writing,
Ears for hearing, teeth for biting,
Eyes for seeing, legs for walking,
Tongues for tasting and for talking.
- Big bells ring a long full song,
Ding-dong, ding-dong!
Hear the ringing, hear the song,
Ting-a-ling, ding-ding, dong-dong.
- One-one was a race horse,
Two-two was one too,
One-one won one race,
Two-two won one too.
- Yellow butter, purple jelly, red jam, black bread.
Spread it thick, say it quick!
Yellow butter, purple jelly, red jam, black bread.
Spread it thicker, say it quicker!
Yellow butter, purple jelly, red jam, black bread.
Don't speak with your mouth full!
- If you understand, say 'understand',
If you don't understand, say 'don't understand'.
But if you understand and say 'don't understand',
How do I understand that you understand? Understand?!
- I know a boy named Tate
Who dined with his girl at eight.
I'm unable to state what Tate ate at eight
Or what Tate's tête à tête ate at eight.
- There was an old man with a nose,
Who said: "If you choose to suppose
That my nose is too long,
You are certainly wrong."
That remarkable man with a nose.
- Dr. Johnson and Mr. Jackson after a great consideration,
Came to the conclusion that the Indian nation
Is back in education because the chief occupation is cultivation.