Tongue Twisters

Directions: Select three of the following tongue twisters and provide Voice Markings. (Refer to Speech Terms: stress, juncture, enunciation.) Prepare one of them to present orally to the class.

A big black bug bit the big black bear, and made the big black bear bleed black blood.

Bring me some ice, not some mice.

Eight elegant Englishmen eagerly eating eclairs.

Five funny Frenchmen fanning fainting flies.

Four fat friars foolishly fishing for flowers.

Nine nimble noblemen neatly nibbling nothing.

One old Oxford ox opening oysters.

Seven sinister sisters swallowing soothing syrup.

She’s so selfish she should sell shellfish shells, but shells of shellfish seldom sell.

Sheep shouldn’t sleep in a shack. Sheep should sleep in a shed.

A skunk sat on a stump. The stump thunk the skunk stunk, and the skunk thunk the stump stunk.

Some shun sunshine. Do you shun sunshine?

The swan swam out to sea. Swim, swan, swim!

Ten tiny ticks throwing terrible temper tantrums.

Two tired turkeys trotting to the trolley.

Two tutors who tooted the flute tried to tutor two tooters to toot. Said the two to the tutors, “is it harder to toot, or to tutor two tooters to toot?”

Four famished French fishermen frying flying fish.

Lesser leather never weathered wetter weather better.

Barbara burned the brown bread badly.

You can have: fried fresh fish, fish fried fresh, fresh fried fish, fresh fish fried, or fish fresh fried.

Cheryl cheerfully chews choice chilled cherries.

We shall surely see the sun shine soon.

Sasha shifted as she sifted through the thistle for her sister’s whistle.
Blake’s back bike brake block broke.

A patient proud peacock pompously preens his pleasing pretty plumage.