

English Topic - English Tongue Twisters (6:57)

Alisha: Hi everybody. Welcome back. My name is Alisha. And today we're going to be talking about some English tongue twisters. I'm joined again by.

Michael: Michael. Hey everybody.

Alisha: So today we're gonna be talking about some things in English that are difficult to say. That may be difficult for you and they're probably gonna be difficult for us to explain. So let's get right into it. Michael, what is your first tongue twister?

Michael: My first tongue twister is, how much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood? One more time a little bit faster. How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

Alisha: Excellent. And there is a traditional response to this one. You familiar with the response?

Michael: Once you tell me.

Alisha: So it's it's a question right? This this is it ends in a question, a question mark on your card. And the traditional response is, it would chuck all the wood that a woodchuck could if a woodchuck could chuck wood.

Michael: Ah I didn't know that.

Alisha: Yeah. I have it on one of my cards actually I think too. This was totally unplanned, I would like to point out. Yeah here it is, it would chuck all the wood that a woodchuck could if a woodchuck could chuck wood. So you can use this with your friends if you want.

Michael: All right. Let's do it real quick. Ready?

Alisha: Ok.

Michael: How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

Alisha: It would chuck all the wood that a woodchuck could if a woodchuck could chuck wood.

Michael: Ah.

Alisha: Hey. Alright, that was one down. Okay uh let's see, we've talked about that one already so I guess I'll go with another classic one that I've known since I was little. This one used the P sound a lot. Peter Piper picked a pack of pickled peppers. Lots of P sounds in this one. Can you speed it up for us?

Michael: Well, I don't know if I can say it in first place. Peter Piper picked up fuck Jim and Eminema Jim and Eminemmanema.

Alisha: Have you not heard this one before?

Michael: I haven't. Okay. Peter Piper picked a pack of pickled peppers. Hold on, one more time. Peter Piper picked a pack of pickled peppers. For me, it helps if you snap. Okay. Peter Piper picked a pack of pickled peppers. Peter Piper picked a pack oh my god I can't do it.

Alisha: Maybe it's better if you don't read it.

Michael: Does it? Peter no no no, you, I can't do it.

Alisha: Peter Piper picked a pack of pickled peppers.

Michael: Oh.

Alisha: I wasn't very good. I wasn't very fair.

Michael: One more time. One more time.

Alisha: Peter Piper picked a pack of pickled peppers.

Michael: What? One more, three more time.

Alisha: Peter Piper picked a pack of pickled peppers.

Michael: Peter Piper picked it oh did I? I can't do it. Peter Piper picked a pack of pickled peppers. There we go. Peter Piper picked a pack of pickled peppers. Peter Piper picked a pack of pickled. Oh man that's tough. The P's man I can't do the P's. Oh wow.

Alisha: P's can't do you either. Okay. Go to your next one. What's your next one?

Michael: Okay. The, I'm my brain is frazzled now. Okay uh. I just like this one I've actually never heard this before but I like it because there's a lot of TH's in it and a lot of foreign people who are learning English. Let me say that, a lot of non-native English speakers have trouble with th that's been true for a lot of my students regardless where they're from, with their native language is. So, the 33 thieves thought that they thrilled the throne throughout Thursday.

Alisha: Well, I've never seen this one.

Michael: Yeah, me either. But I just thought it was good because 'th'. Remember th 'th'. So, the 33 thieves thought that they thrilled the throne throughout Thursday. Wanna give it a try?

Alisha: Yeah, I'm gonna try. The 33 thieves thought that they thrilled the throne throughout Thursday.

Michael: Hm.

Alisha: That's a good one. That's a really good one for TH sounds I think. It's not it's I think the consonant sounds like the hard consonant sounds like the P sound or the well maybe even the W sound a little bit like it's easy to say that quickly. But this one's really tough to say quickly I think and clearly. The 33 thieves thought that they throw the the. It doesn't come out as smoothly maybe.

Michael: Spitting a lot maybe that is. So okay.

Alisha: I guess I'll go to my next one. I really have no faith that I'm gonna be able to say this at all. This is like the hardest thing that I think I was able

to find. I'm gonna have to read it slowly. The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick. Yeah.

Michael: What okay.

Alisha: Yeah.

Michael: The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick.

Alisha: Yeah.

Michael: The sixth sicks oh the.

Alisha: Like the second word you can't even say it. It's really hard.

Michael: One more time alright. The the sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick.

Alisha: Oh

Michael: The sixth oh.

Alisha: That was good. That was good. That's way better.

Michael: Yeah. We'll just leave it on that one.

Alisha: The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick. That's really hard. It's really I don't think I can say it any faster than that.

Michael: The sixth sick sheik's sixth oh. I can't I'm I'm the lobster wood I can't argh. Okay. One more time alright.

Alisha: Okay.

Michael: The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick. The sixth sick oh. More than once is too tough.

Alisha: You got it out one time.

Michael: One time is that's all. I give up. I give up.

Alisha: Okay, good. What's your next one?

Michael: My next one is, the soldier's shoulder surely hurts. Another one I've actually never heard but I like it because everyone knows how to Sally seashells down the by the sea shore. The S and the SH is confusing. And many times in English, like surely, there is no sh but it makes that that sh sound. So it's a fun one. The soldier's shoulder surely hurts. The soldier's shoulder surely hurts. Wanna give it a try?

Alisha: The soldier's shoulder surely hurts. This is the tough part for me anyways. This this soldier's shoulder making that sound was really is tough. The soldier's shoulder surely hurts.

Michael: Yeah. You make it sound so easy. Well professional.

Alisha: Not really. Okay. On to the last one. This one is really short actually it's only two words but it's tricky. It's really tricky. I can't say this fast. Irish wrish wrish. Okay. Irish by itself is fine, wristwatch is fine. But together they're really hard to say. Irish wrish wrish.

Michael: Oh what.

Alisha: I can't say it. Irish wristwatch. It's really hard.

Michael: Irish wristwatch.

Alisha: Yeah.

Michael: That's very slow. Okay. Irish oh wow.

Alisha: It's really hard.

Michael: It doesn't it seems easier than it is.

Alisha: Yeah.

Michael: But saying it that. Come on. Okay. Irish wristwatch. Irish wri. Irish wristwatch. Irish wristwatch. Irish wristwatch.

Alisha: Nice.

Michael: Okay. Here we go.

Alisha: Irish wrish I. I can't say this one. Irish wrish wrish. I can't try it. This one's hard this was really hard for me but yeah only two words. It's just it's just that combination of the 'sh' and the 'wra'. It's just I can't I got nothing on that one. Alright, do you have any more?

Michael: No, I think that's it.

Alisha: Oh wow. That was a good one. That was really tough. That was really tough. Okay. Well, give them a try. Please give them a try. And if you have any tongue twisters preferably in English please share them with us in the comments. They are great ways to practice your pronunciation and you can impress your friends if you can do them quickly. Thank you again for joining us and we'll see you again soon. Bye.