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### Be loud! Be dramatic!

Say these couplets using different dynamics (and musical terminology). Work with a partner where one is the dynamics chooser, the other the speaker. Forte (**fortay**) loud; mezzo forte (metzo **fortay**) moderately loud; piano soft; mezzo piano moderately soft, fortissimo very loud; pianissimo very soft. Change over.

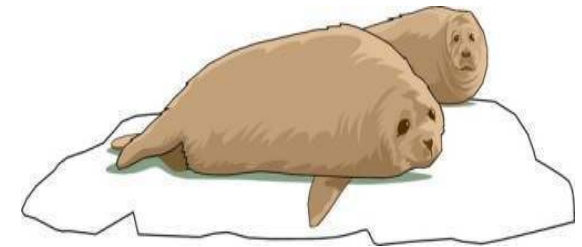
Woe toe hoe no  
I'm very tired - how far to go?



Tower power cower shower  
First prize for your champion flower!



Show glow blow know  
Seals are resting on that floe.



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!



Hop heap hope hype  
Are these peaches fully ripe?



## The famous 19<sup>th</sup> letter of the alphabet and friends

Say each rhyme slowly and clearly with plenty of mouth, jaw, lips and tongue movement. Speak to a mirror to see this happening! *Note: Sometimes s says z.*

### Starry Sky (Also study closely a good reproduction of van Gogh's *Starry Night*.)

Here's some interesting astronomy to start you off...

Venus is at its brightest just after sunset and just before sunrise and so is known as both the Morning Star and Evening Star (even though it's a planet). Stars twinkle, planets don't, so you can identify planets because of their still, steady light. Mars appears to be red, and for this reason is called the Red Planet.

I love to see the setting sun  
On snowy days when night's begun.

Ah ha! There's Venus, still and bright,  
Celestial brilliance - first each night.

I scan the east and west for stars.  
'That one's red, so it's planet Mars.'

Stars now sparkling; the sky grows darker.  
It's getting cold - now where's my parka!



The word *celestial* means belonging to the sky and bound together as a group by gravity. Asteroids, nebulae, moons, planets and star clusters are examples of celestial objects. P.S. What and where is the Big Dipper? Is there a Little Dipper? (What is a dipper?)

### Shirley in a Rush - the *sh* sound

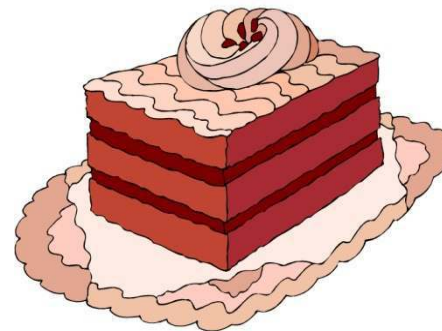
Shirley shouted shrilly that she wished she'd washed her shabby socks and polished her unusually shoddy shoes for the special army inspection by Field Marshal Shromshell.



How fast can you go?

I missed the mixed biscuits  
in the mixed business

*(So I bought cake instead).*



Don't blame me if your  
tongue is tossed,  
Gets tied in a knot or is  
hopelessly lost!

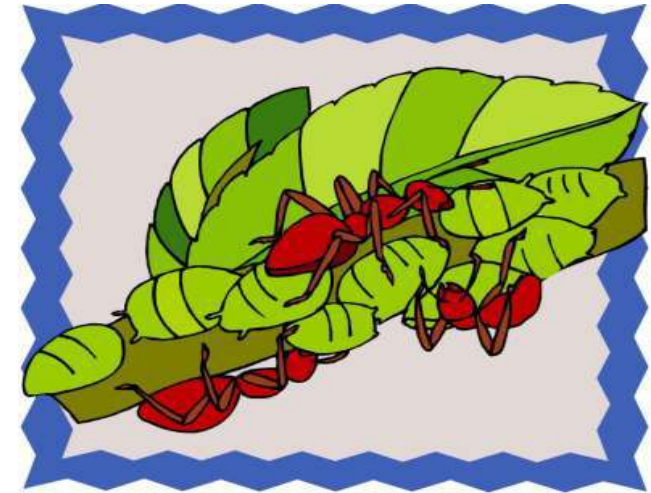
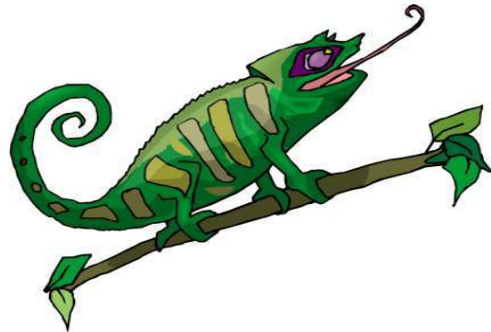


## Rhymes for the great outdoors

### The Lizard and the Ants

*th, ch, st, ck* and *sk* sounds Start softly and slowly in a low voice, gradually becoming louder, higher and faster.

A **large** and dizzy **lizard**, while **basking** on a **quiet** branch (go straight on)  
Thought **flicking** out his **sticky** tongue would **catch** some busy **ants**.  
But **several** of those **canny** ants had **all** their wits **about** them (*g.s.o.*)  
So **instead** of going **up** the branch, it's **down** they went instead.



### Chatty Charlie in One Breath

Can you say these four lines in one breath without rushing?

Charlie was a cheerful chap  
Who always loved a nice long chat  
Until he heard a young lad say,  
'That chatty chap talks through his hat!'

