

## Vocal Warm -Ups #1

*The following tongue twisters need to be memorized by Monday. We will use these as a warm-up before class activities begin.*

To sit in solemn silence in a dull, dark dock,  
In a pestilential prison, with a life-long lock,  
Awaiting the sensation of a short, sharp shock,  
From a cheap and chippy chopper on a big black block!

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What a to do to die today at a minute or two 'til two  
A thing distinctly hard to say yet harder still to do  
For they'll beat a tattoo at twenty 'til two  
With a rattatta tattatta tattatta too  
And the dragon will come when he hears the drum  
At a minute or two 'til two today  
At a minute or two 'til two.

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A tutor who tooted the flute  
Tried to tutor two tooters to toot.  
Said the two to the tutor, "Is it harder to toot, or to tutor two tooters to toot?"

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Toy boat. Toy boat. Toy boat.

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Unique New York. Unique New York. You know you need unique New York.

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Red leather, yellow leather. Red leather, yellow leather.

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She makes a proper cup of coffee in a copper coffee pot

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Betty Botter bought a bit of butter."  
But," she said, "This butter's bitter.  
If I put it in my batter, it will make my batter bitter.  
But a bit of better butter- *That* would make my batter better."  
So Betty Botter bought a bit of better butter  
Better than her bitter butter.  
And she put it in her bitter batter.  
And made her bitter batter a bit better.

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Give me the gift of the grip top sock.  
A drip drape, ship shape, tip top sock.  
Not your spinslick, slap stick, slip slop stock;  
But, a plastic elastic, grip top sock.  
None of your fantastic slack swap slop  
From a slap-dash, flash-cash, haberdasher shop;  
Not a knick knack, kit-lock,  
Knock-kneed knickerbockers sock  
With a mock-shot, blob-mottled tricktickertock clock;  
Not a rucked-up, puckered-up flop-top sock;  
Not a super-sheer, seersucker rucksack sock;  
Not a spot-speckled, frog-freckled cheap sheik's sock  
Off a hodge-podge, moss potched,  
Botched scotch block  
Nothing slip shod, drip drop, flip flop, or glip glop,  
Tip me to a tip top, grip top sock!

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Flee!  
Flee Fly!  
Flee Fly Flo!  
Vista!  
A Cumala Cumala Cumala Vista  
Oh nonono, not the vista  
Eessyminy desaminy ooh wha da wha daminy  
A beet biddle oh boh doht skiddly ah