

The two-strong-beats-per-line warm-up

You wouldn't believe what I saw today

An amazing procession came surging my way.

Builders and plumbers and gard'ners and others,

Bantering groups of workers and brothers,

Each with their bags full of tools in their vans

'To build a new town,' said the Man with the Plans.

But what he then told me was really quite odd;

'All my workers,' he said with a wink and a nod

'Can only do jobs, that for your perusal

Are either old-fashioned or very unusual.'

So I wrote down the actions of what I saw next;

The result is this fast-moving tongue-tangling text ...

Semi-memorise the last few words so you can turn the page slightly early and silently to avoid page-turn delay.

Speed read — GO!

They

ambled
angled
addled
and ailed

They

buckled
bustled
babbled
and bailed

They

cabled
cobbed
cackled
and crawled

They

yelled
yodelled
yelped
and yapped

They

zazzled
zippled
and finally
zonkled.

As well as being a lot of fun, tongue twisters can help you achieve all sorts of good things including ...

- *improved social confidence and self-esteem*
- *mouth-muscle strengthening and stretching*
- *pronunciation and intonation accuracy*
- *better vocal projection and articulation clarity*
- *relishing the rhythm and beauty of everyday language*
- *having a wider vocabulary for word-choice precision*
- *enjoying words for their sounds as well as meaning*
- *feeling at ease when talking to people*
- *being expressive and proud of your speaking voice*
- *learning the skill of thinking ahead while speaking*
- *experiencing the pleasure of achievement after effort.*

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