

Tongue Twisters

I slit the sheet, the sheet I slit, and on the slit sheet I sit.

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked.

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

How many cars can a carpark park
if a carpark could park cars?

Red lorry, yellow lorry, red lorry, yellow lorry

Six thick thistle sticks.

A big black bug bit a big black bear,
made the big black bear bleed blood

She sells sea shells by the sea shore.
The shells she sells are surely seashells.

Shy Shelly says she shall sew sheets.

The sixth sick sheikh's sixth sheep's sick

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked.
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

2

I saw Susie sitting in a shoe shine shop.
Where she sits she shines, and where she shines she sits.

3

How many boards
Could the Mongols hoard
If the Mongol hordes got bored?

from the comic *Calvin & Hobbes*, by Bill Waterson

4

How can a clam cram in a clean cream can?

5

Send toast to ten tense stout saints' ten tall tents.

by Raymond Weisling

6

Denise sees the fleece,
Denise sees the fleas.
At least Denise could sneeze
and feed and freeze the fleas.

7

Coy knows pseudonoise codes.

by Pierre Abbat

8

Sheena leads, Sheila needs.

9

The thirty-three thieves thought that they thrilled the throne throughout Thursday.

10

Something in a thirty-acre thermal thicket of thorns and thistles thumped and thundered threatening the three-D thoughts of Matthew the thug - although, theatrically, it was only the thirteen-thousand thistles and thorns through the underneath of his thigh that the thirty year old thug thought of that morning.

by Meaghan Desbiens

11

Can you can a can as a canner can can a can?

12

Seth at Sainsbury's sells thick socks.

13

You cuss, I cuss, we all cuss, for asparagus!

from a Far Side cartoon by Gary Larson

14

Roberta ran rings around the Roman ruins.

15

Clean clams crammed in clean cans.

16

Six sick hicks nick six slick bricks with picks and sticks.

17

I wish to wish the wish you wish to wish, but if you wish the wish the witch wishes, I won't wish the wish you wish to wish.

18

Stupid superstition!

19

There was a fisherman named Fisher
who fished for some fish in a fissure.
Till a fish with a grin,
pulled the fisherman in.
Now they're fishing the fissure for Fisher.

20

World Wide Web

21

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.

by W.S. Gilbert of Gilbert and Sullivan from *The Mikado*

22

Picky people pick Peter Pan Peanut-Butter, 'tis the peanut-butter picky people pick.

from a commercial

23

If Stu chews shoes, should Stu choose the shoes he chews?

24

Luke's duck likes lakes. Luke Luck licks lakes. Luke's duck licks lakes. Duck takes licks in lakes Luke Luck likes. Luke Luck takes licks in lakes duck likes.

from Dr. Seuss' *Fox in Socks*

25

Seventy seven benevolent elephants

harder than it seems

26

There those thousand thinkers were thinking how did the other three thieves go through.

27

Santa's Short Suit Shrunk
name of a children's book

28

I was born on a pirate ship
Hold your tounge while saying it.

29

I scream, you scream, we all scream for icecream!

30

Wayne went to Wales to watch walruses.

31

In 'ertford, 'ereford and 'ampshire, 'urricanes 'ardly Hever 'appen.
from the film "My Fair Lady"

32

One-one was a race horse.
Two-two was one too.
One-one won one race.
Two-two won one too.

33

Eleven benevolent elephants

34

Celibate celebrant, celibate celebrant, celibate celebrant, ...

35

Willy's real rear wheel

David Bowser in Harrisburg, PA

36

If Pickford's packers packed a packet of crisps would the packet of crisps that Pickford's packers packed survive for two and a half years?

from Naomi Fletcher's real life

37

Six sleek swans swam swiftly southwards

38

Gobbling gorgoyles gobbled gobbling goblins.

39

Did Dick Pickens prick his pinkie pickling cheap cling peaches in an inch of Pinch or framing his famed French finch photos?

40

Pirates Private Property

41

What a terrible tongue twister,
what a terrible tongue twister,
what a terrible tongue twister...

42

When you write copy you have the right to copyright the copy you write. ...

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43

A big black bug bit a big black dog on his big black nose!

by Kitty Morrow

44

Elizabeth's birthday is on the third Thursday of this month.

45

Ann and Andy's anniversary is in April.

46

Flash message!

47

Frogfeet, flippers, swimfins.

48

Hassock hassock, black spotted hassock. Black spot on a black back of a black spotted hassock.

49

How many cookies could a good cook cook If a good cook could cook cookies? A good cook could cook as much cookies as a good cook who could cook cookies.

50

How much ground would a groundhog hog, if a groundhog could hog ground? A groundhog would hog all the ground he could hog, if a groundhog could hog ground.

51

How much pot, could a pot roast roast, if a pot roast could roast pot.

52

How much wood could Chuck Woods' woodchuck chuck, if Chuck Woods' woodchuck could and would chuck wood? If Chuck Woods' woodchuck could and would chuck wood, how much wood could and would Chuck Woods' woodchuck chuck? Chuck Woods' woodchuck would chuck, he would, as much as he could, and chuck as much wood as any woodchuck would, if a woodchuck could and would chuck wood.

53

Mary Mac's mother's making Mary Mac marry me.
My mother's making me marry Mary Mac.
Will I always be so Merry when Mary's taking care of me?
Will I always be so merry when I marry Mary Mac?

from a song by Carbon Leaf

54

Mr. Tongue Twister tried to train his tongue to twist and turn, and twit an twat, to learn the letter "T".

55

Pete's pa pete poked to the pea patch to pick a peck of peas for the poor pink pig in the pine hole pig-pen.

56

She saw Sherif's shoes on the sofa. But was she so sure she saw Sherif's shoes on the sofa?

57

Through three cheese trees three free fleas flew.
While these fleas flew, freezy breeze blew.
Freezy breeze made these three trees freeze.
Freezy trees made these trees' cheese freeze.
That's what made these three free fleas sneeze.

from Fox in Sox by Dr. Seuss

58

Two tried and true tridents

59

rudder valve reversals
the cause of some plane crashes

60

Birdie birdie in the sky laid a turdie in my eye.
If cows could fly I'd have a cow pie in my eye.

61

How many cans can a cannibal nibble
if a cannibal can nibble cans?
As many cans as a cannibal can nibble
if a cannibal can nibble cans.

62

A twister of twists once twisted a twist;
A twist that he twisted was a three-twisted twist;
If in twisting a twist one twist should untwist,
The untwisted twist would untwist the twist.

63

Thirty-three thirsty, thundering thoroughbreds thumped Mr. Thurber on Thursday.

64

Four furious friends fought for the phone.

65

Plymouth sleuths thwart Luther's slithering.

66

Bobby Bippy bought a bat.
Bobby Bippy bought a ball.
With his bat Bob banged the ball
Banged it bump against the wall
But so boldly Bobby banged it
That he burst his rubber ball
"Boo!" cried Bobby
Bad luck ball
Bad luck Bobby, bad luck ball
Now to drown his many troubles
Bobby Bippy's blowing bubbles.

from mid-Willamette Valley theater

67

Black background, brown background.

68

Why do you cry, Willy?
Why do you cry?
Why, Willy?
Why, Willy?
Why, Willy? Why?

69

Very well, very well, very well ...

70

Tie twine to three tree twigs.

71

Rory the warrior and Roger the worrier were reared wrongly in a rural brewery.

72

Mares eat oats and does eat oats,
and little lambs eat ivy.
A Kid will eat ivy too, wouldn't you?

73

Three short sword sheaths.

74

Caution: Wide Right Turns
seen on semi-tractor trailers

75

Rolling red wagons

76

Green glass globes glow greenly.

77

Robert Wayne Rutter
personal name

78

I stood sadly on the silver steps of Burgess's fish sauce shop, mimicking him hiccuping,
and wildly welcoming him within.

79

When I was in Arkansas I saw a saw that could out saw any other saw I ever saw, saw. If
you've got a saw that can out saw the saw I saw saw then I'd like to see your saw saw.

80

black back bat

81

The queen in green screamed.

82

How many berries could a bare berry carry,
if a bare berry could carry berries?
Well they can't carry berries
(which could make you very wary)
but a bare berry carried is more scary!

83

What did you have for breakfast?
- rubber balls and liquor!
What did you have for lunch?
- rubber balls and liquor!
What did you have for dinner?
- rubber balls and liquor!
- rubber balls and liquor!

84

Snap Crackel pop,
Snap Crackel pop,
Snap Crackel pop

85

Six slimy snails sailed silently.

86

I thought, I thought of thinking of thanking you.

87

Seven slick slimey snakes slowly sliding southward.

88

Red Buick, blue Buick

89

Roofs of mushrooms rarely mush too much.

by Matt Duchnowski

90

He threw three balls.

91

The great Greek grape growers grow great Greek grapes.

92

Singing Sammy sung songs on sinking sand.

93

We're real rear wheels.

94

Rhys watched Ross switch his Irish wristwatch for a Swiss wristwatch.

95

I wish to wash my Irish wristwatch.

96

Near an ear, a nearer ear, a nearly eerie ear.

97

On a lazy laser raiser lies a laser ray eraser.

98

Scissors sizzle, thistles sizzle.

99

Tom threw Tim three thumbtacks.

100

How much caramel can a canny canonball cram in a camel if a canny canonball can cram caramel in a camel?

101

He threw three free throws.

102

Fresh French fried fly fritters

103

Gig whip, gig whip, gig whip, ...

104

I was born on a pirate ship.

Say it while holding your tongue.

105

2 Y's U R.
2 Y's U B.
I C U R.
2 Y's 4 me!

106

Little Mike left his bike like Tike at Spike's.

107

Eddie edited it.

108

Yellow butter, purple jelly, red jam, black bread.
Spread it thick, say it quick!
Yellow butter, purple jelly, red jam, black bread.
Spread it thicker, say it quicker!
Yellow butter, purple jelly, red jam, black bread.
Don't eat with your mouth full!

109

Wow, race winners really want red wine right away!

110

The ruddy widow really wants ripe watermelon and red roses when winter arrives.

111

I'll chew and chew until my jaws drop.

112

Triple Dickle
a strong drink

113

How many sheets could a sheet slitter slit if a sheet slitter could slit sheets?

114

Supposed to be pistachio,
supposed to be pistachio,
supposed to be pistachio.

by Diane Estep

115

Chester Cheetah chews a chunk of cheep cheddar cheese.
from a high school singing class

116

Real rock wall, real rock wall, real rock wall

117

Argyle Gargoyle

118

Peggy Babcock
personal name

119

If you're keen on stunning kites and cunning stunts,
buy a cunning stunning stunt kite.

120

Two tiny tigers take two taxis to town.

121

Sounding by sound is a sound method of sounding sounds.
by Pierre Abbat

122

Willie's really weary.

123

Yally Bally had a jolly golliwog. Feeling folly, Yally Bally Bought his jolly golli' a dollie made of holly! The golli', feeling jolly, named the holly dollie, Polly. So Yally Bally's jolly golli's holly dollie Polly's also jolly!

by Mistah Twistah, Tony Valuch

124

Out in the pasture the nature watcher watches the catcher. While the catcher watches the pitcher who pitches the balls. Whether the temperature's up or whether the temperature's down, the nature watcher, the catcher and the pitcher are always around. The pitcher pitches, the catcher catches and the watcher watches. So whether the temperature's rises or whether the temperature falls the nature watcher just watches the catcher who's watching the pitcher who's watching the balls.

by Sharon Johnson

125

Tommy Tucker tried to tie Tammy's Turtles tie.

126

John, where Peter had had "had had", had had "had";
"had had" had had his master's approval.

127

Excited executioner exercising his excising powers excessively.

128

Pail of ale aiding ailing Al's travails.

from India

129

Double bubble gum, bubbles double.

130

If you can't can any candy can,
how many candy cans can a candy canner can
if he can can candy cans ?

131

Octopus ocular optics.
and
A cat snaps a rat's paxwax.

by Pierre Abbat

132

This is the sixth zebra snoozing thoroughly.

133

Salty broccoli, salty broccoli, salty broccoli

134

I saw Esau kissing Kate.
I saw Esau, he saw me, and she saw I saw Esau.

135

A slimey snake slithered down the sandy sahara.

136

Suzie Seaward's fish-sauce shop sells unsifted thistles for thistle-sifters to sift.

137

I eat eel while you peel eel

138

Nothing is worth thousands of deaths.

139

Casual clothes are provisional for leisurely trips across Asia.

140

East Fife Four, Forfar Five

an actual football result from the Scottish third division

141

Roy Wayne
Roy Rogers
Roy Rash

personal names

142

11 was a racehorse,
22 was 12,
1111 race,
22112.

Wunwun was a racehorse, Tutu was one too. Wunwun won one race, Tutu won one too.

143

It's not the cough that carries you off,
it's the coffin they carry you off in!

144

She said she should sit.

145

Mo mi mo me send me a toe,

Me me mo mi get me a mole,
Mo mi mo me send me a toe,
Fe me mo mi get me a mole,
Mister kister feet so sweet,
Mister kister where will I eat !?

146

Will you, William? Will you, William? Will you, William?
Can't you, don't you, won't you, William?

147

I wish you were a fish in my dish

148

She stood on the balcony, inexplicably mimicking him hiccuping, and amicably
welcoming him in.

an actor's vocal warmup for lips and tongue

149

The big black bug bit the big black bear,
but the big black bear bit the big black bug back!

150

Dust is a disk's worst enemy.

151

I see a sea down by the seashore.
But which sea do you see down by the seashore?

152

Old Mr. Hunt
had a cuddy punt
Not a cuddy punt

but a hunt punt cuddy.

153

As one black bug, bled blue, black blood. The other black bug bled blue.

154

Mommy made me eat my M&Ms.

155

I'm not the fig plucker,
Nor the fig plucker's son,
but I'll pluck your figs
till the fig plucker comes.

156

A gazillion gigantic grapes gushed
gradually giving gophers gooey guts.

157

Aluminum, linoleum, molybdenum, aluminum, linoleum, molybdenum, aluminum,
linoleum, molybdenum

158

Thin grippy thick slippery.

159

There once was a two toed, she toad, tree toad,
and a three toed, he toad, tree toad....

160

The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick

161

The owner of the inside inn was inside his inside inn with his inside outside his inside inn.

162

If you notice this notice,
you will notice that this notice is not worth noticing.

163

If you understand, say "understand".
If you don't understand, say "don't understand".
But if you understand and say "don't understand".
how do I understand that you understand. Understand!?

164

She sees cheese.

165

Brent Spence Bridge
Clay Wade Bailey Bridge

places in Ohio

166

Chukotko-Kamchatkan

pertaining to the Siberian people living in Kamchatka

167

There those thousand thinkers were thinking
where did those other three thieves go through.

168

Five frantic frogs fled from fifty fierce fishes.

169

One smart fellow, he felt smart.
Two smart fellows, they felt smart.
Three smart fellows, they felt smart.
Four smart fellows, they felt smart.
Five smart fellows, they felt smart.
Six smart fellows, they felt smart.

170

Seven sleazy shysters in sharkskin suits sold sheared sealskins to seasick sailors.

171

I would if I could! But I can't, so I won't!

172

But a harder thing still to do.

What a to do to die today
At a quarter or two to two.
A terrible difficult thing to say
But a harder thing still to do.
The dragon will come at the beat of the drum
With a rat-a-tat-tat a-tat-tat a-tat-to
At a quarter or two to two today,
At a quarter or two to two.

from a college drama class

173

Love's a feeling you feel when you feel
you're going to feel the feeling you've never felt before.

174

Silly sheep weep and sleep.

175

Truly rural, truly rural, truly rural, ...

176

A turbot's not a burbot, for a turbot's a butt, but a burbot's not.

177

I know a boy named Tate
who dined with his girl at eight eight.
I'm unable to state what Tate ate at eight eight
or what Tate's tête à tête ate at eight eight.

178

I saw a saw in Arkansas,
that would outsaw any saw I ever saw,
and if you got a saw
that will outsaw the saw I saw in Arkansas
let me see your saw.

179

The seething sea ceaseth; thus the seething sea sufficeth us.

180

Real weird rear wheels
by Michael Dworkin and Bill Harvey

181

I slit a sheet, a sheet I slit, upon a slitted sheet I sit.

182

A pessimistic pest exists amidst us.

183

Knife and a fork bottle and a cork
that is the way you spell New York.

Chicken in the car and the car can go,
that is the way you spell Chicago.

184

Five fuzzy French frogs Frolicked through the fields in France.

185

Two to two to Toulouse?

186

Swatch watch

187

Dr. Johnson and Mr. Johnson, after great consideration, came to the conclusion that the Indian nation beyond the Indian Ocean is back in education because the chief occupation is cultivation.

188

Round and round the rugged rock the ragged rascal ran.

189

Buckets of bug blood, buckets of bug blood, buckets of bug blood

190

I'm a sock cutter and I cut socks.
I'm a sock cutter and I cut socks.
I'm a sock cutter and I cut socks.

191

If coloured caterpillars could change their colours constantly could they keep their coloured coat coloured properly?

192

We won, we won, we won, we won, ...

193

Thirty-three thousand people think that Thursday is their thirtieth birthday.

by Julia Dicum

194

How much ground could a grounghog grind if a groundhog could grind ground?

195

How may saws could a see-saw saw if a see-saw could saw saws?

by Jillian Goetz

196

As he gobbled the cakes on his plate,
the greedy ape said as he ate,
the greener green grapes are,
the keener keen apes are
to gobble green grape cakes,
they're great!

from Dr. Seuss's *O Say Can You Say?*

197

How much myrtle would a wood turtle hurdle if a wood turtle could hurdle myrtle?
A wood turtle would hurdle as much myrtle as a wood turtle could hurdle if a wood turtle could hurdle myrtle.

198

Shut up the shutters and sit in the shop.

199

Rattle your bottles in Rollocks' van.

200

A fly and flea flew into a flue,
said the fly to the flea 'what shall we do?'
'let us fly' said the flea
said the fly 'shall we flee'
so they flew through a flaw in the flue.

201

How much dew does a dewdrop drop
If dewdrops do drop dew?
They do drop, they do
As do dewdrops drop
If dewdrops do drop dew.

202

If Kantie can tie a tie and untie a tie,
why can't I tie a tie and untie a tie like Kantie can.

203

Bake big batches of bitter brown bread.

204

But she as far surpasseth Sycorax,
As great'st does least.

Caliban describing Miranda's beauty in "The Tempest", by William Shakespeare

205

Bake big batches of brown blueberry bread.

206

She sits in her slip and sips Schlitz.

207

Which wristwatch is a Swiss wristwatch?

208

Whoever slit the sheets is a good sheet slitter.

209

Mummies make money.

210

Crush grapes, grapes crush, crush grapes.

211

An elephant was asphyxiated in the asphalt.

212

A black bloke's back brake-block broke.

213

This is a zither.

214

Fresh fried fish,
Fish fresh fried,
Fried fish fresh,
Fish fried fresh.

215

There was a minimum of cinnamon in the aluminum pan.

216

Really leery, rarely Larry.

217

Big black bugs bleed blue black blood but baby black bugs bleed blue blood.

218

Elizabeth has eleven elves in her elm tree.

219

Her whole right hand really hurts.

difficult in Brazil

220

Come, come,
Stay calm, stay calm,
No need for alarm,
It only hums,
It doesn't harm.

221

Tie a knot, tie a knot.
Tie a tight, tight knot.
Tie a knot in the shape of a nought.

222

Red blood, green blood

223

I'm a sheet slitter.
I slit sheets.
I'm the sleekest sheet slitter
that ever slit sheets.

224

Round the rugged rock, the ragged rascal ran.

225

Busy buzzing bumble bees.

226

A lump of red leather, a red leather lump

227

Nat the bat swat at Matt the gnat.

228

I shot the city sheriff.
I shot the city sheriff.
I shot the city sheriff.

229

A lady sees a pot-mender at work at his barrow in the street.
"Are you copper-bottoming them, my man?"
"No, I'm aluminiuming 'em, Mum

230

I am not a pheasant plucker,
I'm a pheasant plucker's son
but I'll be plucking pheasants
When the pheasant plucker's gone.

231

Suzie, Suzie, working in a shoeshine shop.
All day long she sits and shines,
all day long she shines and sits,
and sits and shines, and shines and sits,
and sits and shines, and shines and sits.
Suzie, Suzie, working in a shoeshine shop.

Tommy, Tommy, toiling in a tailor's shop.
All day long he fits and tucks,
all day long he tucks and fits,
and fits and tucks, and tucks and fits,
and fits and tucks, and tucks and fits.
Tommy, Tommy, toiling in a tailor's shop.

sung by Ian Mackintosh

232

Preshrunk silk shirts.

233

Craig Quinn's quick trip to Crabtree Creek.

234

Six shining cities, six shining cities, six shining cities.

235

While we were walking, we were watching window washers wash Washington's windows
with warm washing water.

236

A big black bear sat on a big black bug.

237

A bloke's bike back brake block broke.

238

Sweet sagacious Sally Sanders said she sure saw seven segregated seaplanes sailing swiftly southward Saturday.

239

Betty Botter bought some butter but she said the butter's bitter. If I put it in my batter it will make my batter bitter. So, she bought some better butter, better than the bitter butter and she put it in her batter and her batter was not bitter. So 'twas good that Betty Botter bought some better butter.

240

How much oil boil can a gum boil boil if a gum boil can boil oil?

241

Good blood, bad blood, good blood, bad blood, good blood, bad blood.

242

No nose knows like a gnome's nose knows.

by the Hofman family

243

Freshly fried fresh flesh

244

There are two minutes difference from four to two to two to two, from two to two to two, too.

245

There once was a man who had a sister, his name was Mr. Fister. Mr. Fister's sister sold sea shells by the sea shore. Mr. Fister didn't sell sea shells, he sold silk sheets. Mr. Fister told his sister that he sold six silk sheets to six shieks. The sister of Mr. Fister said I sold six shells to six shieks too!

246

Sally sells sea shells by the sea shore. But if Sally sells sea shells by the sea shore then where are the sea shells Sally sells?

247

She stood by Burgess's fish sauce shop welcoming him in.

248

Swan swam over the sea.
Swim, swan, swim!
Swan swam back again.
Well swum swan!

249

Sally is a sheet slitter, she slits sheets.

250

She sells sea shells on the sea shore;
The shells that she sells are sea shells I'm sure.
So if she sells sea shells on the sea shore,
I'm sure that the shells are sea shore shells.

251

Tie twine to three tree twigs.

252

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

253

What noise annoys an oyster most?
A noisy noise annoys an oyster most.

254

Ripe white wheat reapers reap ripe white wheat right.

255

Blake's black bike's back brake bracket block broke.

256

Each Easter Eddie eats eighty Easter eggs.

257

She slits the sheet she sits on.

258

A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed.

259

A twister of twists once twisted a twist.
and the twist that he twisted was a three twisted twist.
now in twisting this twist, if a twist should untwist,
would the twist that untwisted untwist the twists.

260

Red lolly, yellow lolly.

261

I am a mother pheasant plucker,
I pluck mother pheasants.
I am the best mother pheasant plucker,
that ever plucked a mother pheasant!

262

Mrs Hunt had a country cut front
in the front of her country cut pettycoat.

263

Knapsack strap.

264

John, where Molly had had "had", had had "had had". "Had had " had had the teachers approval

265

Miss Smith's fish-sauce shop seldom sells shellfish.

266

Great gray goats

267

Whether the weather be fine
or whether the weather be not.
Whether the weather be cold
or whether the weather be hot.
We'll weather the weather
whether we like it or not.

268

Sunshine city, sunshine city, sunshine city, ...

269

The batter with the butter is the batter that is better!

270

There's a sandwich on the sand which was sent by a sane witch.

271

How many yaks could a yak pack pack if a yak pack could pack yaks?

272

Twelve twins twirled twelve twigs.

273

If you stick a stock of liquor in your locker
it is slick to stick a lock upon your stock
or some joker who is slicker
is going to trick you of your liquor
if you fail to lock your liquor with a lock.

274

Clowns grow glowing crowns.

275

Can you imagine an imaginary menagerie manager
imagining managing an imaginary menagerie?

276

Sister Suzie sewing shirts for soldiers
Such skill as sewing shirts
Our shy young sister Suzie shows
Some soldiers send epistles
Say they'd rather sleep in thistles
Than the saucy, soft short shirts for soldiers Sister Suzie sews.

277

Red leather, yellow leather, ...

278

IF IF = THEN THEN THEN = ELSE ELSE ELSE = IF;

programming language PL/I by Bruce Walker

279

Announcement at Victoria Station, London:
Two to two to Tooting too!

280

Richard's wretched ratchet wrench.

281

Rugged rubber baby buggy bumpers.

282

Betty Botter bought some butter but, said she, the butter's bitter.
If I put it in my batter, it will make my batter bitter.
But a bit of better butter will make my bitter batter better.
So she bought some better butter, better than the bitter butter,
put it in her bitter batter, made her bitter batter better.
So 'twas better Betty Botter bought some better butter.

283

A box of biscuits,
a box of mixed biscuits,
and a biscuit mixer.

284

When a doctor doctors a doctor,
does the doctor doing the doctoring
doctor as the doctor being doctored wants to be doctored or
does the doctor doing the doctoring doctor as he wants to doctor?

285

What to do to die today at a minute or two to two. A terribly difficult thing to say and a harder thing to do. A dragon will come and beat his drum Ra-ta-ta-ta-ta-ta-ta-too at a

minute or two to two today. At a minute or two to two.

Who is the author?

286

If two witches would watch two watches, which witch would watch which watch?

287

The soldier's shoulder surely hurts!

288

She sees seas slapping shores.

289

A loyal warrior will rarely worry why we rule.

by Ray Weisling

290

Greek grapes.

291

Mr. See owned a saw and Mr Soar owned a seesaw.
Now See's saw sawed Soar's seesaw before Soar saw See.

292

Six sick sea-serpents swam the seven seas.

293

There was a little witch which switched from Chichester to Ipswich.

294

A proper cup of coffee from a proper copper coffee pot.

295

Never trouble about trouble until trouble troubles you!

296

Theophilus Thadeus Thistledown, the succesful thistle-sifter, while sifting a sieve-full of unsifted thistles, thrust three thousand thistles through the thick of his thumb. Now, if Theophilus Thadeus Thistledown, the succesful thistle-sifter, thrust three thousand thistles through the thick of his thumb, see that thou, while sifting a sieve-full of unsifted thistles, thrust not three thousand thistles through the thick of thy thumb.

297

Shoe section, shoe section, shoe section, ...

298

A smart fella, a fella smart.
It takes a smart fella to say a fella smart.

299

She is a thistle-sifter. She has a sieve of unsifted thistles and a sieve of sifted thistles and the sieve of unsifted thistles she sifts into the sieve of sifted thistles because she is a thistle-sifter.

300

Admidst the mists and coldest frosts,
With stoutest wrists and loudest boasts,
He thrusts his fists against the posts,
And still insists he sees the ghosts.

301

Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear,
Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair,

Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't very fuzzy,
was he?

302

Blue glue gun, green glue gun.

303

Betty bought some butter,
but the butter Betty bought was bitter,
so Betty bought some better butter,
and the better butter Betty bought
was better than the bitter butter Betty bought before!

304

Toy boat, toy boat, toy boat, ...

305

Mallory's hourly salary.

306

I slit a sheet, a sheet I slit, and on that slitted sheet I sit.

307

Don't spring on the inner-spring this spring or there will be an offspring next spring.

308

A flea and a fly in a flue,
were imprisoned. So what could they do?
Said the fly, "Let us flee".
Said the flea, "Let us fly".
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

309

King Thistle stuck a thousand thistles in the thistle of his thumb.
A thousand thistles King Thistle stuck in the thistle of his thumb.
If King Thistle stuck a thousand thistles in the thistle of his thumb,
How many thistles did King Thistle stick in the thistle of his thumb?

310

Five fat friars frying flat fish.

311

The bottle of perfume that Willy sent
was highly displeasing to Millicent.
Her thanks were so cold
that they quarreled, I'm told
o'er that silly scent Willy sent Millicent

312

Esau Wood sawed wood. All the wood Esau Wood saw, Esau Wood would saw. All the wood Wood saw, Esau sought to saw. One day Esau Wood's wood-saw would saw no wood. So Esau Wood sought a new wood-saw. The new wood-saw would saw wood. Oh, the wood Esau Wood would saw. Esau sought a saw that would saw wood as no other wood-saw would saw. And Esau found a saw that would saw as no other wood-saw would saw. And Esau Wood sawed wood.

313

Betty bought some bitter butter
and it made her batter bitter,
so Betty bought some better butter
to make her bitter batter better.

314

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

315

I'm not the fig plucker,
nor the fig pluckers' son,
but I'll pluck figs
Till the fig plucker comes.

316

Extinct insects' instincts, extant insects' instincts.

by Pierre Abbat

317

The sixth sheik's sixth sheep 's sick.

318

Sweater weather, leather weather.

319

One black beetle bled only black blood, the other black beetle bled blue.

320

The big black bug's blood ran blue.

321

I am not the pheasant plucker,
I'm the pheasant plucker's mate.
I am only plucking pheasants
'cause the pheasant plucker's running late.

322

Ed Nott was shot and Sam Shott was not. So it is better to be Shott than Nott. Some say Nott was not shot. But Shott says he shot Nott. Either the shot Shott shot at Nott was not shot, or Nott was shot. If the shot Shott shot shot Nott, Nott was shot. But if the shot Shott shot shot Shott, the shot was Shott, not Nott. However, the shot Shott shot shot not Shott - but Nott. So, Ed Nott was shot and that's hot! Is it not?

323

We will learn why her lowly lone, worn yarn loom will rarely earn immoral money.

by Ray Weisling

324

Unique New York, unique New York, unique New York, ...

325

If Dr. Seuss Were a Technical Writer.....

Here's an easy game to play.

Here's an easy thing to say:

If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port,
And the bus is interrupted as a very last resort,
And the address of the memory makes your floppy disk abort,
Then the socket packet pocket has an error to report!

If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash,
And the double-clicking icon puts your window in the trash,
And your data is corrupted 'cause the index doesn't hash,
then your situation's hopeless, and your system's gonna crash!

You can't say this? What a shame, sir!
We'll find you another game, sir.

If the label on the cable on the table at your house,
Says the network is connected to the button on your mouse,
But your packets want to tunnel on another protocol,
That's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall,
And your screen is all distorted by the side effects of gauss,
So your icons in the window are as wavy as a souse,
Then you may as well reboot and go out with a bang,
'Cause as sure as I'm a poet, the sucker's gonna hang!

When the copy of your floppy's getting sloppy on the disk,
And the microcode instructions cause unnecessary risk,
Then you have to flash your memory and you'll want to ram your rom.
Quickly turn off the computer and be sure to tell your mom!

from the Unix fortune database, attributed to DementDJ@ccip.perkin-elmer.com in the
rec.humor.funny newsgroup

326

Picky people pick Peter Pan Peanut Butter.
Peter Pan Peanut is the peanut picky people pick.

327

Ray Rag ran across a rough road.
Across a rough road Ray Rag ran.
Where is the rough road Ray Rag ran across?

328

Elmer Arnold
personal name

329

A Tudor 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?"

330

Mrs Puggy Wuggy has a square cut punt.
Not a punt cut square,
Just a square cut punt.
It's round in the stern and blunt in the front.
Mrs Puggy Wuggy has a square cut punt.

331

Tim, the thin twin tinsmith.

332

Thin sticks, thick bricks

333

Red lorry, yellow lorry.

334

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

335

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

A woodchuck would chuck all the wood
a woodchuck could chuck
if a woodchuck could chuck wood.

336

Larry Hurley, a burly squirrel hurler, hurled a furry squirrel through a curly grill.

337

Six twin screwed steel steam cruisers.

338

A nurse anesthetist unearthed a nest.

339

I thought a thought.
But the thought I thought wasn't the thought I thought I thought.
If the thought I thought I thought had been the thought I thought,
I wouldn't have thought so much.

340

She sells sea shells on the seashore.
The seashells she sells are seashells she is sure.

341

From the programmer's desk:
She sells cshs by the C shore.

342

A noise annoys an oyster, but a noisy noise annoys an oyster more!

343

Plain bun, plum bun, bun without plum.

344

There was a young man called Fisher
who was fishing for fish in a fissure.
Then a cod with a grin
pulled the fisherman in.
Now they're searching the fissure for Fisher.

345

Slick slim slippers sliding south.

346

The Leith police dismisseth us
They thought we sought to stay;
The Leith police dismisseth us
They thought we'd stay all day.
The Leith police dismisseth us,
We both sighed sighs apiece;
And the sighs that we sighed as we said goodbye
Were the size of the Leith police.

347

Ah shucks, six stick shifts stuck shut!

348

Meter maid Mary married manly Matthew Marcus Mayo,
a moody male mailman moving mostly metered mail.

349

The king would sing, about a ring that would go ding.

350

How much dough would Bob Dole dole
if Bob Dole could dole dough?
Bob Dole would dole as much dough
as Bob Dole could dole,
if Bob Dole could dole dough.

351

People pledging plenty of pennies.

352

Mares eat oats and does eat oats, but little lambs eat ivy.

from a pre-war English music-hall song

353

To begin to toboggan first, buy a toboggan.
But do not buy too big a toboggan!
Too big a toboggan is too big a toboggan to buy to begin to toboggan.

354

Courtney Dworkin

personal name

355

Switch watch, wrist watch.

356

Six thick thistle sticks.

357

Black bug's blood

358

Moses supposes his toeses are roses,
but Moses supposes erroneously.
For Moses, he knowses his toeses aren't roses,
as Moses supposes his toeses to be.

Donald O'Connor and Gene Kelly in "Singing in the rain

359

I wish I were what I was when I wished I were what I am.

360

She sells seashells on the seashore. The seashells she sells are seashore seashells.

361

Irish wristwatch

362

She had shoulder surgery.

363

To put a pipe in byte mode, type `PIPE_TYPE_BYTE`.

from the Visual C++ help file.

364

Three Tree Turtles

Three tree turtles took turns talking tongue twisters.
If three tree turtles took turns talking tongue twisters,
where's the twisters the three tree turtles talked?

365

My Friend Gladys

Oh, the sadness of her sadness when she's sad.
Oh, the gladness of her gladness when she's glad.
But the sadness of her sadness,
and the gladness of her gladness,
Are nothing like her madness when she's mad!

366

I would if I could, and if I couldn't, how could I?
You couldn't, unless you could, could you?

common school kids nonsense, circa 1910

367

real rear wheel

368

Give me the gift of a grip-top sock,
A clip drape shipshape tip top sock.
Not your spinslick slapstick slipshod stock,
But a plastic, elastic grip-top sock.
None of your fantastic slack swap slop
From a slap dash flash cash haberdash shop.
Not a knick knack knitlock knockneed knickerbocker sock
With a mock-shot blob-mottled trick-ticker top clock.
Not a supersheet seersucker rucksack sock,

Not a spot-speckled frog-freckled cheap sheik's sock
Off a hodge-podge moss-blotched scotch-botched block.
Nothing slipshod drip drop flip flop or glip glop
Tip me to a tip top grip top sock.

articulation warmup for actors

369

National Sheepshire Sheep Association

370

The crow flew over the river with a lump of raw liver.

371

The little red lorry went down Limuru road.

Limuru (Lee-moo-roo) road is a the name of a road in Kenya.

372

Flies fly but a fly flies.

373

Did Doug dig Dick's garden or did Dick dig Doug's garden?

by Paul Davies

374

If a Hottentot taught a Hottentot tot to talk ere the tot could totter, ought the Hottentot tot
be taught to say ought or naught or what ought to be taught 'er?

375

How many cans can a canner can if a canner can can cans? A canner can can as many cans
as a canner can if a canner can can cans.

376

Federal Express is now called FedEx.
When I retire I'll be a FedEx ex.
But if I'm an officer when I retire, I'll be an ex Fedex Exec.
Then after a divorce, my ex-wife will be an ex FedEx exec's ex.
If I rejoin FedEx in time, I'd be an ex ex FedEx exec.
When we remarry, my wife will be an ex ex FedEx exec's ex.

377

Which witch snitched the stitched switch for which the Swiss witch wished?
by Ann Clark

378

Does this shop sport short socks with spots?

379

Customer: Do you have soothers?
Shopkeeper (thinking he had said "scissors"): No, we don't have scissors.
Customer: Soothers!
Shopkeeper : No, we don't have scissors or soothers.
... scissors or soothers, scissors or soothers, scissors or soothers, ...
actual conversation in a shop in Canada, recorded by Don Monson

380

Tommy, Tommy, toiling in a tailor's shop.
All day long he fits and tucks,
all day long he tucks and fits,
and fits and tucks, and tucks and fits,
and fits and tucks, and tucks and fits.
Tommy, Tommy, toiling in a tailor's shop.

381

No need to light a night light on a light night like tonight.

382

I wish to wish, I dream to dream, I try to try, and I live to live, and I'd die to die, and I cry to cry but I don't know why.

from a Song by Soundgarden named "Somewhere" composed and written by Ben Shepherd

383

My mommy makes me muffins on Mondays.

by Tim McCauley, age 8

384

A real rare whale.

385

Terry Teeter, a teeter-totter teacher, taught her daughter Tara to teeter-totter, but Tara Teeter didn't teeter-totter as Terry Teeter taught her to.

by Pierre Abbat

386

Ken Dodd's dad's dog 's dead.

387

I bought a bit of baking powder and baked a batch of biscuits. I brought a big basket of biscuits back to the bakery and baked a basket of big biscuits. Then I took the big basket of biscuits and the basket of big biscuits and mixed the big biscuits with the basket of biscuits that was next to the big basket and put a bunch of biscuits from the basket into a biscuit mixer and brought the basket of biscuits and the box of mixed biscuits and the biscuit mixer to the bakery and opened a tin of sardines.

Said to be a diction test for would-be radio announcers: To be read clearly, without mistakes, in less than 20 seconds (from Coronet Magazine, August 1948).

388

Kanta is a masai girl, she can tie a tie and untie a tie, if kanta can tie a tie and untie a tie,
why can't I tie a tie and untie a tie?

389

I'm a mother pheasant plucker.
I pluck mother pheasants.
I'm the pleasantest mother pheasant plucker,
That ever plucked a mother pheasant.
Actually, ...
I'm Not the pheasant plucker,
I'm the pheasant plucker's son.
But I'll stay and pluck the pheasants
Till the pheasant plucking 's done!

390

If you go for a gopher a gopher will go for a gopher hole.

391

Seven slick and sexy sealskin ski suits slid slowly down the slope.

392

The chief of the Leith police dismisseth us.

393

Fred Threlfall's thirty-five fine threads are finer threads than Fred Threlfall's thirty-five
thick threads.

by Anthony Nichols

394

Bug's black blood

395

Reed Wade Road

396

Jack's nap sack strap snapped.

397

I saw Esau sitting on a seesaw. I saw Esau; he saw me.

398

A quick witted cricket critic.

399

Hitchcock Hawk Watch Spots Record Raptors

Title of an article in the Neola Gazette

400

Sure, sir, the ship's sure shipshape, sir.

401

The Smothers brothers' father's mother's brothers are
the Smothers brothers' mother's father's other brothers.

402

One Double Dozen Double Damask Dinner Napkins

Name of a sketch written by Dion Titheradge for a London musical revue and originally performed by Cicely Courtneidge in the early 1930's. The comedienne Bea Lillie performed the sketch in an American film starring Bing Crosby in 1938, and that film's name was "Doctor Rhythm". The sketch became famous and Lillie did perform it on numerous occasions on radio, as well as record it on two 78rpm records.

403

The cat crept into the crypt, crapped and crept out.

404

Dear mother,
give your other udder
to my other brother.

405

Blended baby blue bug's blood blotches.
made up watching bugs splatter on the windshield ... ugh!

406

So, this is the sushi chef?
Spoken to a friend in a Japanese restaurant on the chef's return.

407

Betty Botter bought some butter, but the butter Betty Botter bought was bitter. So Betty Botter bought some better butter to make the bitter butter Betty Botter bought better. But instead of the better butter Betty Botter bought making the bitter butter Betty Botter bought better, the bitter butter Betty Botter bought made the better butter Betty Botter bought bitter!

408

Furnish Freddie's nursery with forty-four furry Furby Beanie Babies.

409

Arnold Palmer, Arnold Palmer, Arnold Palmer, ...
name of the famous American golfer

410

A bitter biting bittern bit a better biting bittern
And the better biting bittern bit the bitter biting bittern back.
Said the bitter biting bittern to the better biting bittern
“I’m a bitter biting bittern bitten back”

411

Certified certificates from certified certificate certifiers.

412

Imagine, imagining imagining, an imaginary imaginary imaginary menagerie manager,
imagining imagining imagining an imaginary imaginary imaginary managerie.

413

What noise annoys a noisy oyster?
Any noise annoys a noisy oyster,
but a noisy noise annoys a noisy oyster most!

414

We need a plan to fan a pan; find a pan to fan, then find a fan to fan the pan, then fan the
pan.

Some Korean students find difficult to pronounce difference between 'f' and 'p'.

1. Too wise you are. Too wise you be. I see you are. Too