

Tongue Twister Time!

Grade Levels: 2-5

SEL Focus – Self management

TEKS

- ELAR Knowledge and Skills Section 1: Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, discussion, and thinking -- oral language.
- THEATRE— Knowledge and Skills Section 2: Creative expression: performance. The student interprets characters using the voice and body expressively and creates dramatizations.

OBJECTIVE AND VOCABULARY

Students will be able to recite a tongue twister and create one of their own!

<u>Tongue Twister</u>: a sequence of words or sounds, typically of an alliterative kind, that are difficult to pronounce quickly and correctly, as, for example, tie twine to three tree twigs.

Alliteration: the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of closely connected words.

MATERIALS

Tongue twister (included), additional paper, writing utensils

PROCEDURE

- 1. Discuss the emotions that Oskar dealt with in the show fear, anger and sadness. Brainstorm more emotions that the students experience every day and list on the board.
- 2. Ask the students if they remember how Oskar overcame the emotions and brainstorm ways they could process the additional emotions you brainstormed as a group.
- 3. Introduce the power of talking as a process for overcoming emotions such as anxiety, boredom, sadness, depression, loneliness, anger, frustration, fear, etc.
- 4. Ask if anyone knows a tongue twister, encourage them to come to the front of the class to tell it.
- 5. Brainstorm with the class what makes a tongue twister so challenging the alliteration, words that sound alike, the speed etc.





- 6. Tell the students that they are now going to use the power of concentration to memorized the tongue twister from Oskar and hand out the Betty tongue twister.
- 7. Have the students circle or mark the sounds from the tongue twister that make it tricky.
- 8. Give them 10 minutes to practice and rehearse.
- 9. Showtime! Create a small performance spot in the class (or virtually), ask volunteers to come up and say it as many times in a row as they can!
- 10. Have the students create their own SHORT tongue twister by choosing words that alliterate!
- 11. Present again!

Betty's Butter

Betty Botter bought some butter,

but the butter, it was bitter.

If she put it in her batter, it would make her batter bitter,

but a bit of better butter,

that would make her batter better.

Now, Write Your Own Tongue Twister!



