**Lesson 4: Articulation and Pronunciation**

**Articulation** is the shaping and molding of sounds into syllables. We use all of our articulators (lips, tongue, teeth, hard and soft palate, jog, muscles, and nasal passageways) in articulation. The process of learning Vals and consonants begins early in childhood. It is them that many bad speaking habits are formed. Some common bad habits are slurry sounds in words, not completing the ending of sounds in words, and generally not speaking distinctly/clearly.

1. **Tongue Twisters.** Practice your articulation with the following tongue twisters. Practice each 13 times. If you have difficulty with any tongue twister, spend more time practicing it and tell you have mastered all 26 tongue twisters.

A. Ruby red rubber baby buggy bumpers.

B. Eight great gray geese gazing gaily into Greece.

C. tie twine to three tree twigs.

D. The old cold Scold sold the school and cold scuttle.

E. What noise annoys a noisy oyster most? A noisy noise annoys a noisy oyster most.

F. Did you see Peter Piper’s puppy peeping playfully?

G. She sells seashells at the seashore‘s seashell store

H. Let Letty linger longer at the luncheon.

I. He is a nice man, not in iceman.

J. Sinful Cesar sipped his snifter, seized his knees and sneezed.

K. She says such shabbily sewed seems show seriously.

L. Strange strategic statistics.

M. Round and round the rugged rocks the ragged rascal ran.

N. Thissian Thistle, the successful thistle sifter, sifts sieves full of three thousand thistles through the thick of this thumb.

O. Double bubble gum bubbles double.

P. Six slick slim slippery slimy sleek slender sickly saplings

Q. Can a stammerer flatter a flatterer?

R. The sun shines on shop signs.

S. Truly rural rustic trees.

T. Shy Sarah saw Swiss wristwatches.

U. The sixth sheik’s sixth sheep’s sick.

V. Are you copper-bottoming them, my man? No, I am aluminuming ‘em, mum.

W. From “a fly and a flea in a flue” by an anonymous poet.

A fly and a flea in a flue

Were imprisoned, so what could they do?

Said the fly, “ let us flee! “

“ let us fly! “ said the flea,

And they flew through a flaw in the flu.

X. From “Grace at Kirkudbright” by Robert Burns.

Some have meat and cannot eat,

Some cannot eat that want it:

But we have meat and we can eat,

Same let the Lord be thankit.

Y. From “weather” by an anonymous poet.

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

Whatever the weather,

Whether We like it or not.

Z. From quotations a publisher who published papers quotations by an anonymous poet.

A publisher who published papers

Plenty of pens and pictures wished,

To pile up his pages with capers

Of prestigious professors who fished.

2. Clear articulation check. ask your teacher or a classmate to listen to you read the following sentences. Ask a partner to circle the sounds of the words print the seas on a separate sheet of paper print to see’s that are not spoken clearly.

1. The healthier, the better. F. The woman climbed the mountain.
2. Be. Feel free to leave. G. The men ran the race.
3. It sounds correct to me. H. The hot chocolate bird my tongue.
4. D. I like fried French fries. A. Please go away.
5. E. This will soon pass. Jay. Stay another hour.
6. 3. Rhythm time. Practice your articulation with these nursery rhymes.
7. Mary had a little lamb. It’s fleece was white as snow.

And everywhere that Mary went the lamb was sure to go.

B. Jack be nimble. Jack be quick. Jack trip over the candlestick.

C. There was an old lady who lived in a shoe.

She had so many children she didn’t know what to do.

D. Jack and Jill went up the hill

To fetch a pail of water.

Jack fell down and broke his crown

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E. Row, row, row your boat

Gently down the stream,

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,

life is but a dream.

F. Three blind mice,

Three blind mice,

See how they run!

See how they run!

They all ran after the farmers wife,

Who cut off their tails with the carving knife,

Did you ever hear such a thing in your life, as three blind mice?

G. Oh where, oh where has my little dog gone?

Oh where, oh where can he be?

With his ears cut short and his tail cut long,

oh where, oh where could he be?

H. Jack Spratt could eat no fat.

His wife could eat no lean.

Betwixt the two of them they licked the platter clean.

4. Father to son. Read the following lines from Lewis Carroll’s Alice’s adventures in Wonderland. Use all your articulators with energy and vitality.

“ you are old, “ said the youth, “ and your jaws are too weak

For anything tougher than suet;

Yet you finished the goose, with the bones and the beak—-

Pray, how did you manage to do it? “

“ in my youth, “ said his father, “ I took to the law,

And argued each case with my wife;

And the muscular strength which it gave to my jaw,

has lasted the rest of my life. “