

ALLEYTHEATRE

Oskar's Not-So-Simple Comeback Tongue Twister Time

Students will be able to recite a tongue twister for the class 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.

<u>Alliteration</u>: the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of closely connected word

- 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 language and concentration 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 memorize the tongue twister from Oskar, and hand out the Woodchuck 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, 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!





Woodchuck Tongue Twister

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

He would chuck, he would, as much as he could

and chuck as much wood as a woodchuck would

if a woodchuck could chuck wood.

Now, Write Your Own Tongue Twister