

## Articulation Exercises

**Goal of Exercise:** To help students articulate their words clearly.

**Description:** What follows is a series of three separate articulation exercises. All exercises can be done in class, at home, or as a warm up at a tournament.

### Word Differentiation

This exercise has students say two words or phrases back to back that sound very similar, but have slight pronunciation differences. Students should be able to articulate the two words so that they do not sound the same.

- ◇ Accepted/Excepted Adapt/Adopt Affect/Effect
- ◇ Amplitude /Aptitude Ascent/Accent Ate/Hate
- ◇ Booths/Booze Exalt/Exult Pictures/Pitchers
- ◇ Pleasantly/Pleasantry Precede/Proceed Scold/Sold
- ◇ Secede/Succeed Seminary/Cemetery Since/Sins Specter/Scepter
- ◇ Stirred/Third Wandered/Wondered Weather/Whether
- ◇ Some ice/Some mice Free ease/Freeze Heats /He eats
- ◇ Beater/Bee eater Bringing/Bring ink

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### Tongue Twisters

The second exercise is Tongue Twisters. We have provided a set of 6 twisters, but you can find many more online! Again, the goal is articulation and careful tongue control.

- ⇒ A skunk sat on a stump and thunk the stump stunk, but the stump thunk the skunk stunk.
- ⇒ Willis wouldn't walk willingly within winding windrows.
- ⇒ Many a wit is not a whit wittier than Whittier.
- ⇒ Rubber baby buggy bumpers.
- ⇒ Unique New York.
- ⇒ Red leather, yellow leather.

### Word Sets

Each set of words focuses on a different letter in the alphabet that students often have trouble with. These words sets force students to recite a series of words that use similar sound consonants. This will improve clarity and diction.

#### B&P

Beat, peat, bit, pit, bet, pet, bean, peal, bull, pull, pebble, budge, pudge, pearly, burly, bind, pile, able, apple, bind, pined, bound, pound, boy, deploy, feeble, people, dribble, crib, cripple, bill, pill, tuber, toper, paid, bayed, hip, inhibit, rabble, grapple, rubber, upper, peep, beep, ape, Abe, jib, gyp, Paul, ball, pole, bowl, rip, rib, cup, cub.

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### Ch

Chip, patching, pitch, chide, butcher, search, choice, Richard, teach, choose, witch, church, chalice, ancient, rich, chinks, leech, convention, match, chew, catching, torch.

### D&T

David, drained, deal, teal, kit, kid edible, debtor, hid, hit, ridden, written, darling, rudder, did, dad, bit, bid, kitty, eddy, better, tatter, adder, addle, tattle, straddle, dab, tab, but, bud, tut, dud, Doyle, toil, coiled, halt, fouled, fault, children, bittern, burst, bird, Bert, dynamic, data, reduce, said, drain, train, brat, brad, madder, matter.

### V&F

Few, view, fail, vale, fan, van, feel, veal, many, any, philosophy, cough, effervescent, laughter, lavatory, loaf, loaves, vivacious, vaudeville, vote, evil, live, lift, different, divide, vine, fine, foul, vowel, village, filler, advantage, perceive, involved, funnel, elephant, muff, fur, rafter, half, have.

### G&C

Get, care, egged, gig, keg, crag, king, pickle, nook, gain, thicken, twig, kitten, rugged, duck, cat, gat, coat, goat, camera, glamor, castle, guzzle, gaudy, aggression, frog, queue, knuckle, meek, kin, eked, ache.

### M&N

Emma, numb, hymn, gnu, pneumonia, enema, mate, element, jam, mall, nil, simmer, sinner, hem, hen, Amy, any, nice, mice, mile, element, whim, diaphragm, knife, noun, mound, mount, mine, mountain, monster, merchant, maim, main, imagine, immense, contamination.

### Sh & S

Russian, regime, garage, session, hiss, his, presents, measure, surmise, unceasingly, missing, boats, seal, zeal, action, synthetic, loose, lose, raise, race, issue, usury, pleasure, push, issue, tresses, hats, swans, seizes.

