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Rugged- not level or smooth and having rocks

ragged- old and torn clothes or people who wear them.

Rascal- a person who shows a lack of respect for other people and enjoys playing tricks on them.

Sip- To drink sth. taking a very small amount each time

Snifter- A large glass for drinking Brandy

Seize- grab. Take sth in your hand suddenly and using force.

Chew- To bite food into small pieces in your mouth with your teeth to make it easier to swallow.

Chives- Thin leaves of a plant. They taste like onions and give flavour to food.

Cheery- happy.

Chunks- thick solid pieces that have been cut or broken off.

Sometimes tongue twisters do not make any sense, either because of their whole meaning or because of a weird use of grammar. A clear example is the last tongue twister, *Moses supposes*, which shows an incorrect use of some words. It uses these two expressions: *Knowses* instead of “knows” and *toeses* instead of “toes”

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Tongue twisters

Singing in the rain

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Practise in pairs:

- 1) "Around the rugged rocks the ragged rascals ran."
- 2) "Sinful Caesar sipped his snifter, seized his knees, and sneezed."
- 3) "Chester chooses chewy chestnuts, cheddar cheese and chives. He chews them and he chooses them, he chooses them and he chews them, those chewy chestnuts, cheddar cheese and chives in cheery charming chunks."
- 4) "Moses supposes his toeses are Roses,
But Moses supposes erroneously,
Moses he knowses his toeses aren't roses,
As Moses supposes his toeses to be!"

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