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Echo Word Chains Answer Key

Reflection Questions (Sample Answers):

1. Example: "Scorching" was the trickiest word because of its blend of sounds.
2. Repeating in a chain helps break the sentence into **manageable chunks** and builds fluency step by step.
3. Example: Sentence 2 felt easiest after chaining because "camels carried heavy packs" became natural with repetition.
4. Word echo chains are helpful because they let students **practice pronunciation, pacing, and accuracy** without feeling overwhelmed by a long sentence.

Teacher's Guide / Notes

- **Choose Vocabulary Wisely:** Select words that are **multisyllabic, content-rich, or tricky** for students to pronounce.
- **Model Slowly:** Start with one word, then add one or two words at a time, building rhythm and confidence.
- **Encourage Clear Articulation:** Focus on crisp sounds (e.g., the "sc" in *scorching*).
- **Group Practice:** Use choral echoing for the whole class, then let pairs or individuals try leading the chain.
- **Extension Idea:** Have students create their own word echo chains using vocabulary from their reading texts, then lead their peers through the practice.