

Twister Word Swap Answer Key

Likely Tricky Words Students May Identify

- **blueberry, biscuits, briskly** (multi-syllabic and “b” repetition)
- **swiftly, sailed, seven, south** (s cluster)
- **grasshoppers, gracefully, gleefully** (long “gr” cluster)
- **purple, perched, politely, painted, poles** (p cluster overload)
- **tiptoed, tangled, tulips** (t cluster repetition)

Sample Reflection Responses

1. Hardest: “Perfect purple parrots...” – too many “p” words made alternating confusing.
2. Easiest: “Tiny turtles tiptoed...” – shorter words, natural rhythm.
3. Switching roles made it harder at first but then helped both partners practice pacing.

Teacher Notes

- **Purpose:** This activity builds **team fluency, listening skills, and pacing control** by requiring students to create a seamless read together.
- Model with a student to demonstrate alternating smoothly.
- Encourage students to read in rhythm, like a bouncing ball, so the tongue twister doesn’t sound choppy.
- Advanced adaptation: Have pairs try reading **every third word** instead of every other word.
- Great for building **collaboration and fluency awareness** before moving into group or performance reading.