

Silly Swap Twisters Answer Key

Possible Silly Swaps (Examples Only)

- "puppies" → "penguins" → *Polly's playful penguins pranced past painted porches.*
- "seals" → "sandwiches" → *Seven slippery sandwiches slid silently southward.*
- "grapes" → "giraffes" → *Greg grabbed green giraffes greedily.*
- "whales" → "worms" → *Wendy's wonderful worms whistled wildly.*
- "tulips" → "trampolines" → *Tiny tigers tiptoed through tall trampolines.*

Sample Reflection Responses

1. Hardest: "Greg grabbed green giraffes greedily" – giraffes is harder to say quickly than grapes.
2. Funniest: "Seven slippery sandwiches slid silently southward" – silly because food can't slide south.
3. Swapping sometimes made it harder, especially with longer or unexpected words.

Teacher Notes

- **Purpose:** Builds fluency through **adaptability, humor, and repeated practice** by forcing students to reread altered versions.
- Encourage students to pick swaps that are **unexpected but still pronounceable**.
- Use this activity for partner sharing to boost engagement and laughter while practicing fluency.
- Differentiation: Younger students may pick simple swaps (dog → cat), while older/advanced students can challenge themselves with **multi-syllabic words**.
- Extension: Have students **write their own silly swap tongue twister** from scratch.