

Echo The Twister Answer Key

Likely Tricky Words Students May Identify

- **briskly, branches** (blends and “br” cluster)
- **clumsy, climbing, colorful** (multi-syllabic and “cl” cluster)
- **trotted, toward, towers** (repeated “t” sounds can cause tripping)
- **gobbled, greedily, grapes** (blends and similar sounds in sequence)
- **frolicked, fearlessly, fuzzy** (multi-syllabic with “fr” blend)

Sample Reflection Responses

1. Easiest: “Ten tiny turtles...” because it's short and simple.
2. Hardest: “Clumsy clowns clapped...” because the “cl” words repeat too quickly.
3. Yes, smoother by the third attempt; accuracy and rhythm improved.

Teacher Notes

- **Purpose:** Builds fluency through **listening, echoing, and repetition** of challenging tongue twisters.
- Model each line with clear **intonation and pacing** before students repeat.
- Use gestures or hand signals to cue students for each repetition.
- Encourage **choral reading** as a group first, then individual volunteers for confidence practice.
- Differentiate: allow advanced students to **add speed** on the third attempt while younger learners focus on clarity.