

Twister Coaching Answer Key

Likely Tricky Words Students May Identify

- **briskly, beyond, balloon** (blends, multisyllabic)
- **crooked, coral, crawled** (cr cluster and repeated "c" sounds)
- **dashed, dusty, daily** (quick shifts between short "d" sounds)
- **silver, spilled, suddenly** (sl blend and "s" cluster repetition)
- **hurried, hopping, hastily** (multi-syllabic + "h" cluster repetition)

Sample Reflection Responses

1. Hardest: "Crazy crabs crawled quickly..." – too many "cr" blends in a row.
2. Coaching helped by pointing out "crooked" and practicing it slowly first.
3. Smoothest: "Happy horses hurried..." – easy rhythm once the "h" sounds were practiced.

Teacher Notes

- **Purpose:** Develops fluency through **peer collaboration**, self-awareness, and focused correction.
- Encourage Coaches to be supportive and specific ("You mixed up *briskly*, let's practice it together").
- Rotate partners occasionally to give students a chance to listen to different voices.
- Use this as a **paired warm-up** before independent or group fluency work.
- For advanced students: challenge them to coach tone and pacing, not just word accuracy.