

Read. Think. Explain.

In trying to understand a poem, it's important to read through it carefully and thoughtfully by focusing on the words the author chose *and* by thinking about what the images in the poem represent. In this activity, you'll answer a series of questions about Calef Brown's "Tongue Tester" in order to grasp the poem's full meaning.

Directions: Answer the questions below, using information and details from the poem to back up your ideas.

1. What words would you use to describe this poem?

2. What does the first word, "stealthy," mean? What does "highly strung" mean?

3. Why do you think the author wrote this poem?

4. What are some other tongue twisters you can think of? What makes them difficult to say 10 times fast?
